CHAPTER 1:
THE BATTLE ON SIX-TREE RIDGE

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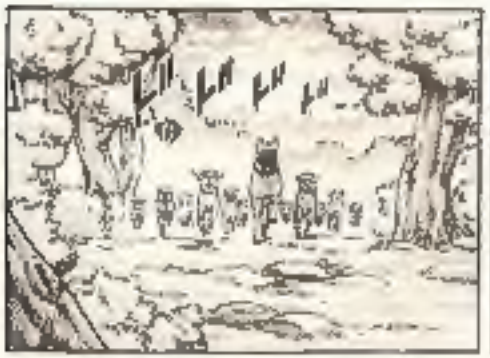
COME ON.
I'M READY TO FIGHT ANYTIME, JOHN.
AS YOU WISH!

I... I
WH.. WHAT?!
I DIDN'T EVEN FEEL HIS FANGS HIT ME!
GO ON. DO AS YOU WILL TO ME..
AMAZING .. I'VE LOST.



HIDE YOURSELF, HYENA!
SOME-ONE'S COMING!

THIS ONE'S ALSO HAD HIS THROAT TORN OPEN. WHO DID THIS..?

THIS IS MOSS' FOLLOWER FROM BEFORE! HE WAS WITH JAGUAR!
UAH!

IF YOU ACT RECKLESSLY NOW, YOU WILL REGRET IT.
JUST LIKE YOUR MASTER SEEMS TO HAVE ABAN-DONED YOUR LIFE.

DON'T SPEAK SO STRONGLY AS IF A FIGHTER'S LIFE LIKE YOURS HAS JUST BEEN ABANDONED.

DOES HE THINK WE CAN BRING DOWN AKAKABUTO?
IS HE SERIOUS? DOES HE THINK US DOGS ALONE ARE CAPABLE?

THAT'LL KEEP YOU'LL ALIVE NOW, FOR ME!
JOHN, MAKE A PROMISE TO ME.

IT SEEMS IT REALLY WAS OUR FATE TO FIGHT THEM.
HEH.. AS YOU WISH, BEN. LEAVE IT TO US.

IF HE IS WHAT HE'S SAID TO BE LIKE, WE'LL NEED HIM IN OUR NUMBERS WHEN WE THROW DOWN AKAKABUTO!
LET'S GO, EVERYONE! WE HAVE TO SHOW MOSS WHAT WE'RE MADE OF!
YES!

YOU HAVE TO THINK ABOUT IT.. THIS IS KASUMI DATE, AND IF AN ENEMY ATTACKED THEM..!
BEH.. COULD SMITH AND GIN HAVE DONE IT...?

WE CAN'T BE SURE IT WAS THEM!
BUT BEN, GIN'S NOT THAT KIND OF KID!

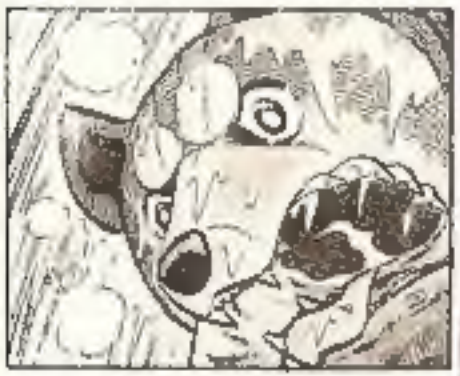
IF HE WAS ANGRY, HE COULD HAVE DONE IT..
SMITH COULD HAVE GOTTEN PISSED OFF..

WE'VE LEFT THAT OPTION LONG BEHIND. ALL WE'RE LEFT WITH NOW IS AN ALL OUT WAR WITH MOSS.
REGARDLESS, BECAUSE OF WHAT'S HAPPENED, NOW WE WON'T BE ABLE TO SOLVE THINGS BY TALKING.

PLEASE REST PEACEFULLY. MOSS WILL CRUSH YOUR MURDERER, WITHOUT FAIL!
LLOYD.. YOUR DEATH WASN'T IN VAIN.
HE MUST HAVE BEEN OUTNUMBERED.. WHAT A COWARDLY GUY BEN MUST BE!
DAMMIT..! HOW HORRIBLE ..!
I'LL HURRY AND TELL THE BOSS!
IT WON'T BE LONG NOW!
WELL, LET'S SIT BACK AND WATCH, SHALL WE?
HEHE..

I'M SORRY, GIN.. I TRIED TO SAVE YOU, AND THE SITUATION REVERSED!

NO MATTER HOW HARD YOU TRY.. MY TIME HAS COME!
NAHA.. IT'S ALRIGHT, GIN!



IF I LET YOU FALL TO THE BOTTOM, YOU REALLY WOULD GET KILLED!
SMITH, DON'T SAY FOOLISH THINGS!
AT THIS RATE, WE'LL BOTH FALL DOWN TO HELL!
LET ME GO, AND SAVE YOURSELF!
I'M NOT KIDDING! I DON'T WANT TO DIE WITH YOU!
AT THIS RATE, IF YOU DON'T STOP CARING ABOUT ME, YOU WON'T LIVE AT ALL!
SHUT UP! LET GO OF ME! DON'T YOU UNDER-STAND?!
HOLD ON A BIT LONGER!
NEVER SAY DIE..

HUH?!
AAH ..!
Y..YOU SAVED ME..!

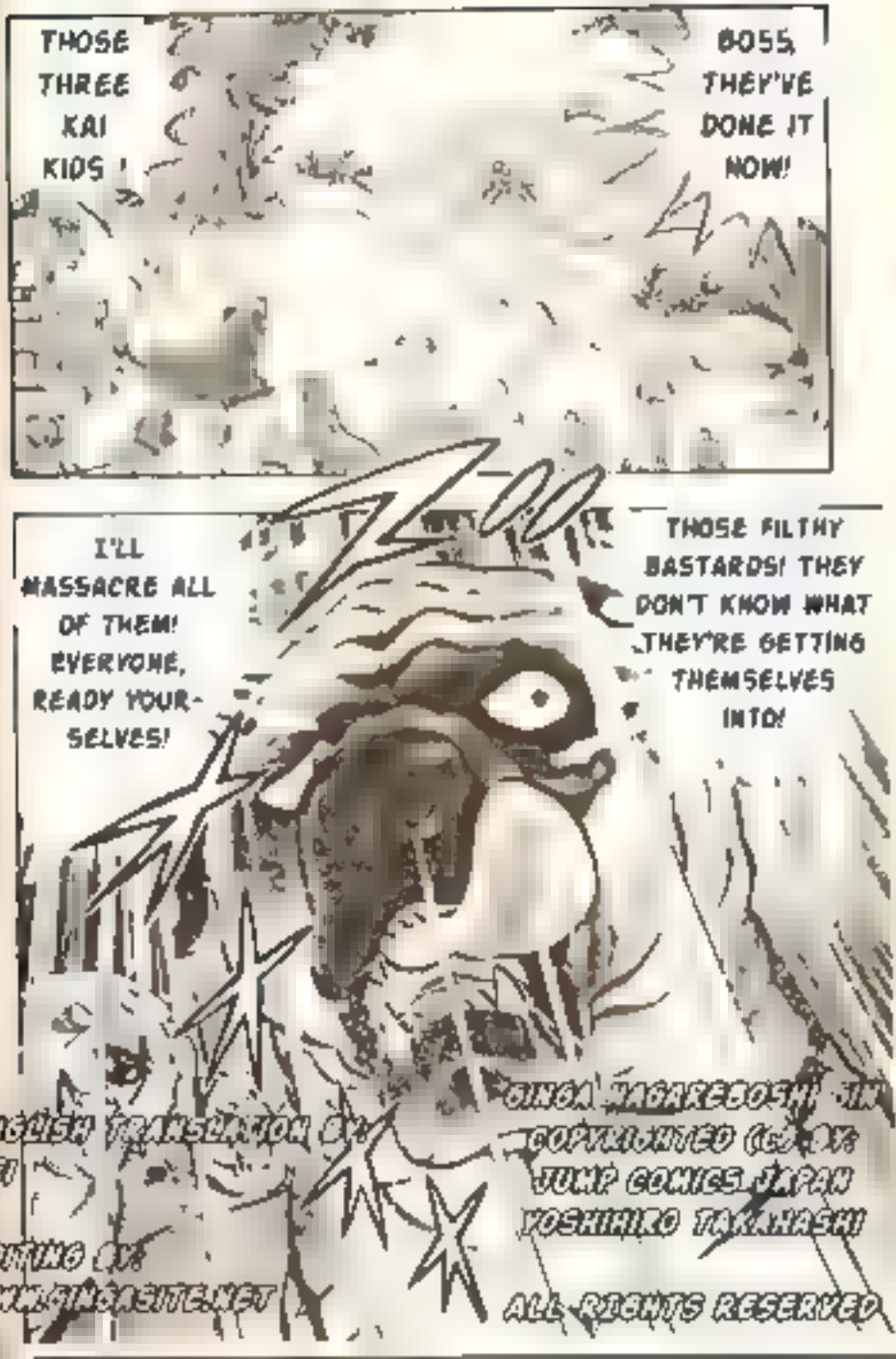
HEY, STOP IT! LET ME GO!
HEY, GIN! WHAT'RE YOU DOING?!
IF I CAN GET HIM ONTO THAT ROCK..
I DON'T INTEND FOR US TO DIE TOGETHER!
NOW I'LL LET YOU GO!

YOU'RE RIGHT.. AT LEAST 5 KILOMETRES, I THINK!
THIS ISN'T THE TIME TO BE FOOLING AROUND.. SIR, WE DON'T KNOW HOW FAR DOWNSTREAM WE WENT..
FOOL! THIS IS JUST WATER!
AAH, SMITH! YOU PEED YOURSELF..?

IF WE DON'T TELL BEN AND THE OTHERS ABOUT SNIPER'S PLAN, IT'S OVER!
LET'S HURRY! IT'S GETTING DARK!

AAH.. OUCH!
YOU FOOL.. C'MERE!

FOR YOUR LIFE, I'M WILLING TO RISK MINE!
GIN, THANK YOU. YOU'RE NOT ONE OF THOSE KAI KIDS, BUT..


THOSE THREE KAI KIDS!
BOSS, THEY'VE DONE IT NOW!
I'LL MASSACRE ALL OF THEM! EVERYONE, READY YOURSELVES!
THOSE FILTHY BASTARDS! THEY DON'T KNOW WHAT THEY'RE GETTING THEMSELVES INTO!
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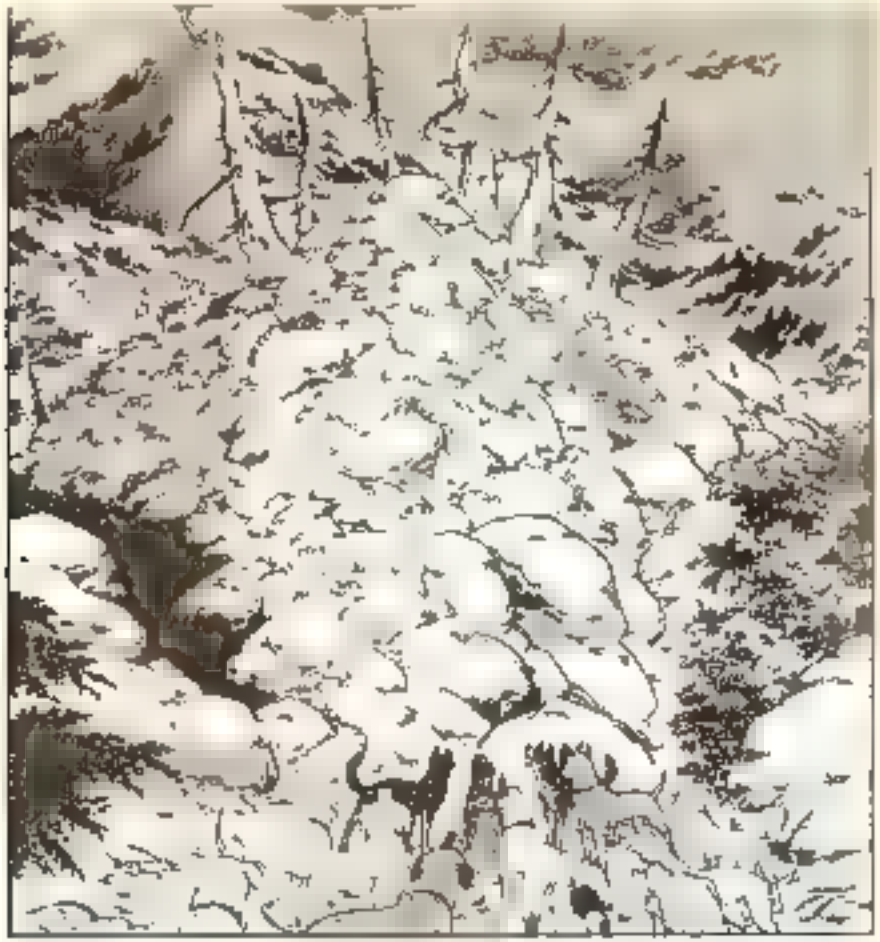
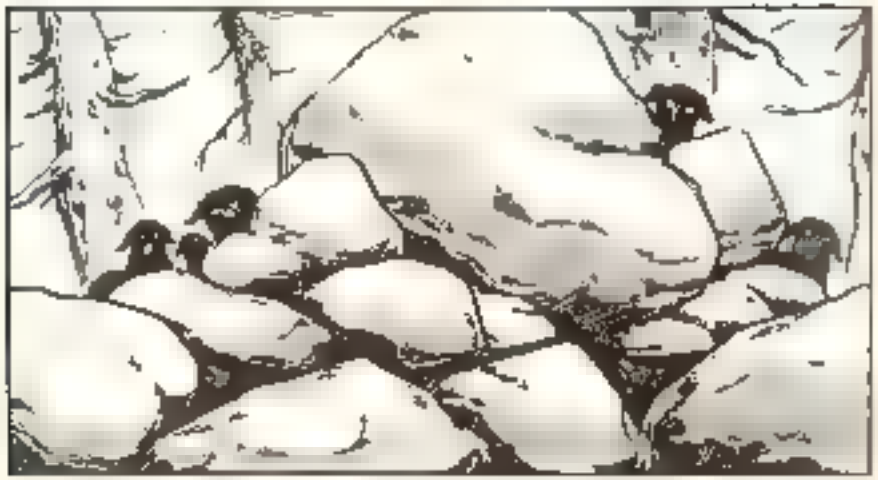
CHAPTER 2:
BEN DIES AT SIX-TREE RIDGE





STOP!
WAIT, EVERY ONE!

THOSE SIX DEAD TREES, UP THERE.
HEH, IT'S IN FRONT OF YOU.

THE STENCH OF MOSS
HEH, I CAN SMELL HIM.

IS SIX-TREE RIDGE NEARBY?
AKATORA, ARE WE IN HIS BATTLE GROUND?

YOU WANT TO PESTER OUR EARS WITH YOUR NON-SENSE?
HEHEH.. HOW HUMOUR-OUS..
YOUR COURAGE IS NOTHING IN PROPOR-TION TO MINE!
WELL, I KNOW FOR CERTAIN YOU'LL BE GOING DOWN TO HELL

THE SAME OLD SOLDIERS LURKING AROUND
HEH, THE USUAL SIGHT
THEY'RE HERE..
I'M BEN, A FOLLOWER OF THE BOSS OF DHU! AS PROMISED, I'VE COME HERE!
CAN YOU HEAR ME, MOSS?
PLEASE SHOW YOURSELF!
I WANT TO TALK WITH YOU!

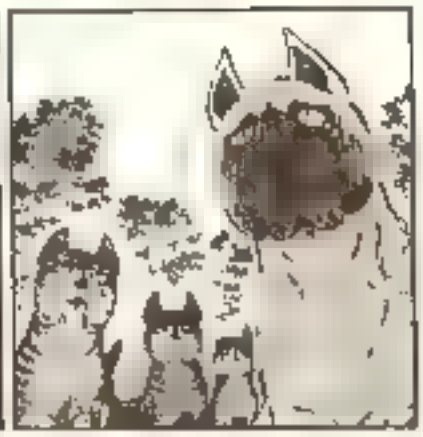
THERE MIGHT BE NON-VIOLENT WAYS OUT OF THIS!
KAI, DON'T!
THINK YOU CAN FIGHT WITH THAT BODY? I DON'T THINK SO!
STILL AS FAT AS EVER, YOU PIG-BASTARD.
INSTEAD OF FIGHTING, LISTEN TO WHAT I HAVE TO SAY!
WAIT MOSS!
NOT ONE OF YOU WILL LIVE!
YOU BAS-TARDS!

I'M MOSS!
I'M THE JUDGE OF LIFE AND DEATH IN KASUMI DAKE!
HE'S TWICE THE SIZE OF BEN!
WHAT A HUGE GUY.
WOAH!

UGGGGH!

SHUT UP!

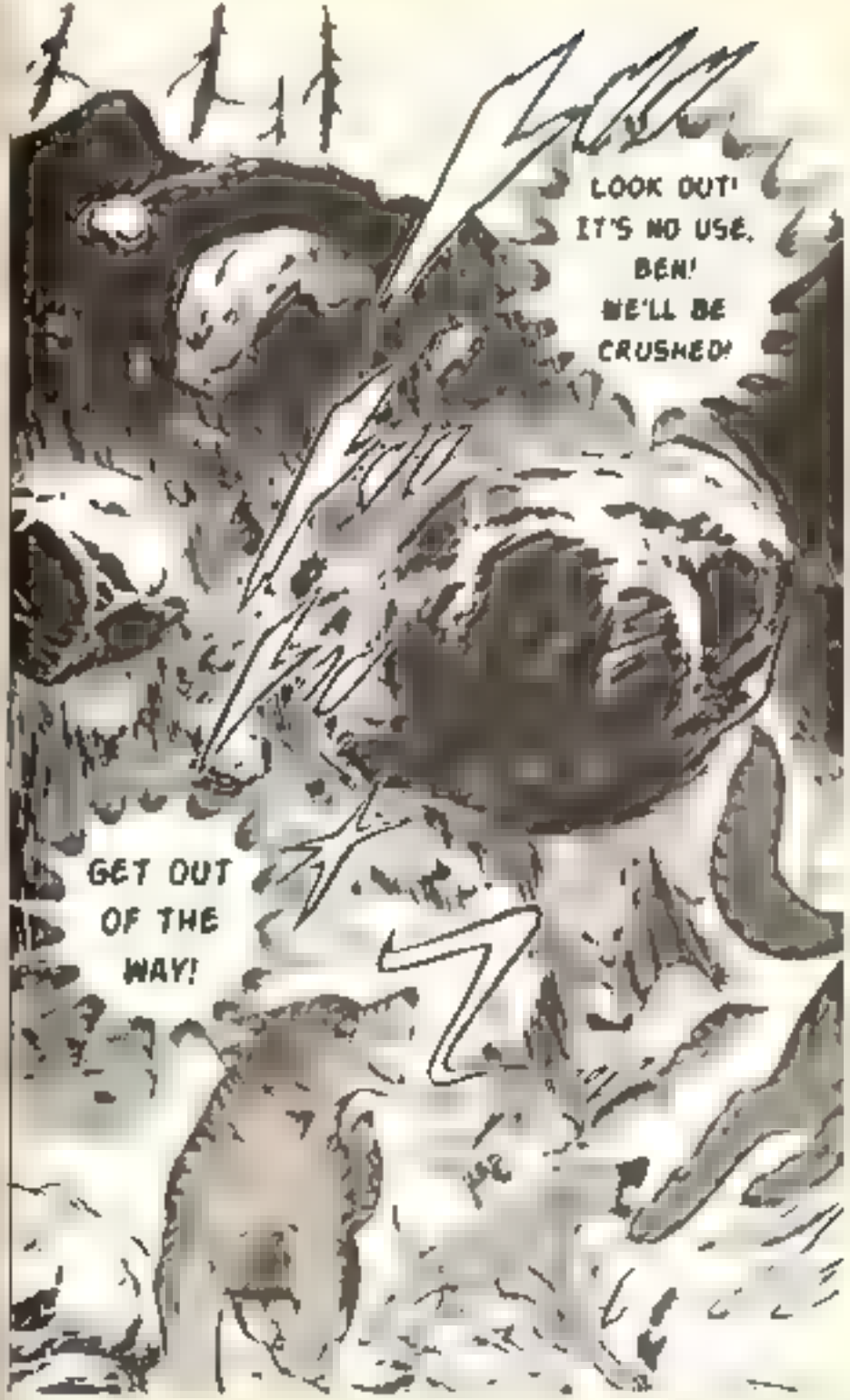
BRING MY 'CUTE' SON OUT HERE!
WHERE'S MY SON?!



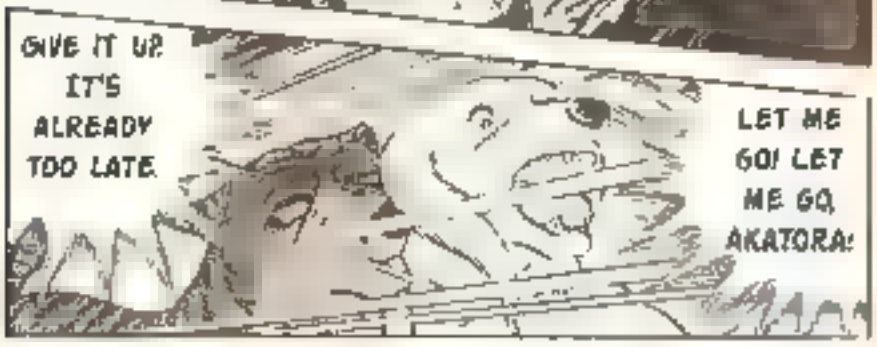
THAT'S WHAT I WANT TO TALK ABOUT!
THAT'S IT!

HE'S GOING TO PUSH THAT HUGE BOULDER DOWN HERE!
HUH?

EUGHH!
UAGH!
BEN!


LOOK OUT! IT'S NO USE, BEN! WE'LL BE CRUSHED!
GET OUT OF THE WAY!

BEN!
BEN!
YOU IDIOT, CROSS! DO YOU WANNA BE KILLED TOO?!


GIVE IT UP. IT'S ALREADY TOO LATE.
LET ME GO! LET ME GO, AKATORA!

GET EVERYONE BACK!
TAKE REFUGE IN THE FOREST!

A SHORT-TAILED, DARK WESTERN BREED.
YES, I AM..
THAT GUY YOU SPOKE OF. SNIPER.. ARE YOU SURE?
BUT, WHEN YOU WERE TALKING BEFORE..
JUST AS I THOUGHT. THE GENERAL! BUT WHY?
A DOBERMANN CALLED SNIPER..
!?

DON'T MOVE! BEN ORDERED ME TO STAY HERE WITH YOU.
IT LOOKS LIKE THE BLEEDING HAS STOPPED
HE WOULDN'T GO KILLING NEEDLESSLY.
DON'T WORRY, MY LEADER, BEN, WOULDN'T LET ANYTHING STUPID HAPPEN.
I HAVE TO HURRY TO MY FATHER AND STOP THIS.. AND MAKE THINGS RIGHT AGAIN.
I'M SORRY BECAUSE OF THIS, MY FATHER WILL MISUNDERSTAND THE SITUATION.
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B.. BUT..
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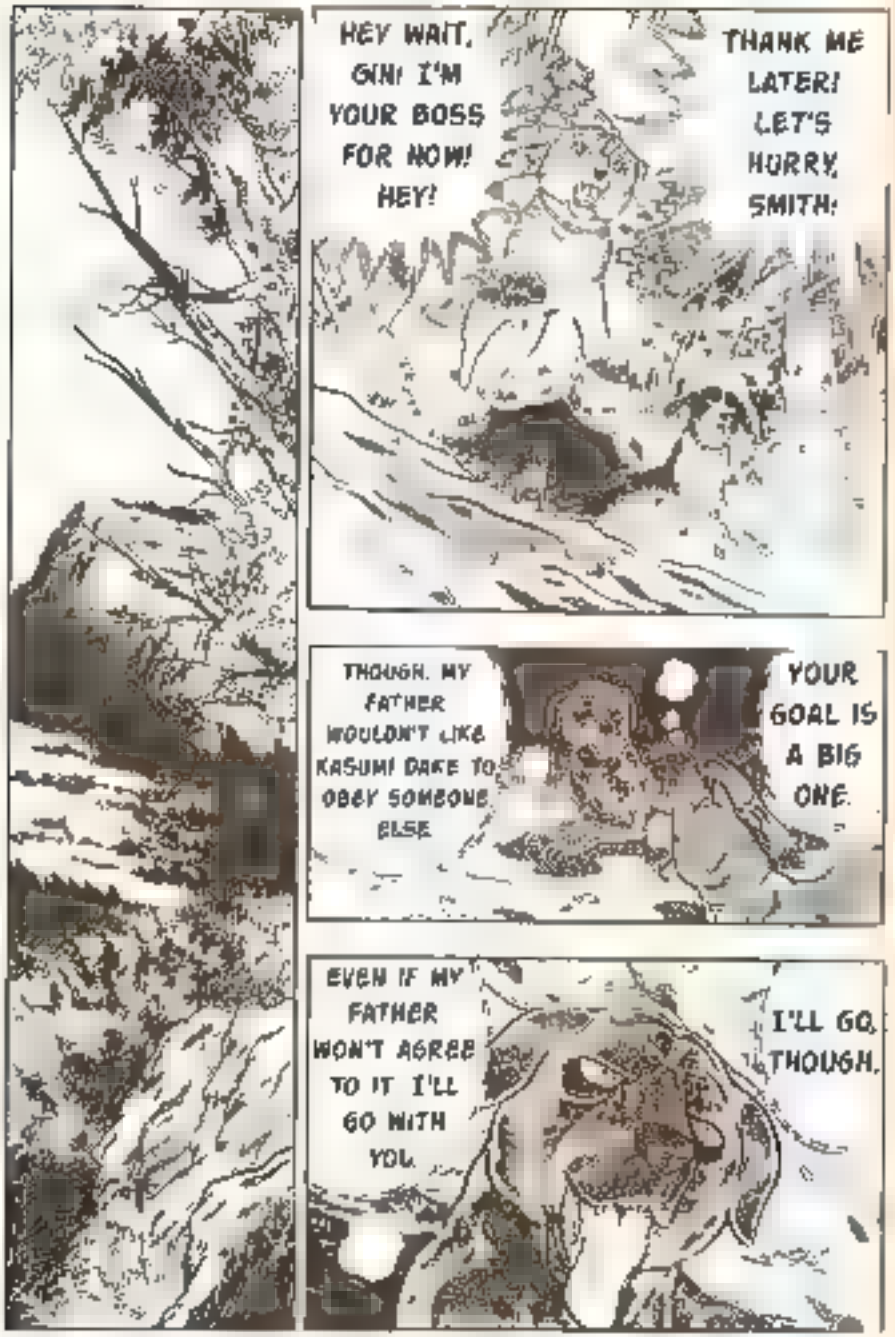
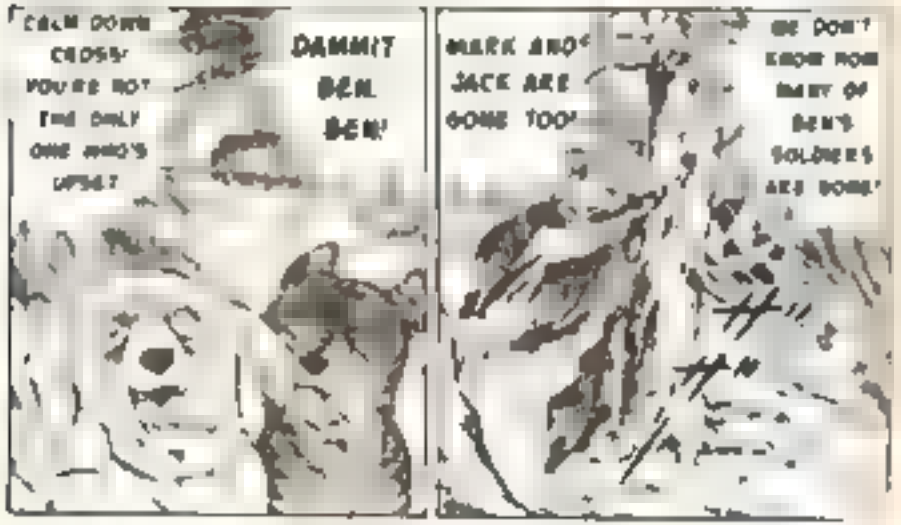
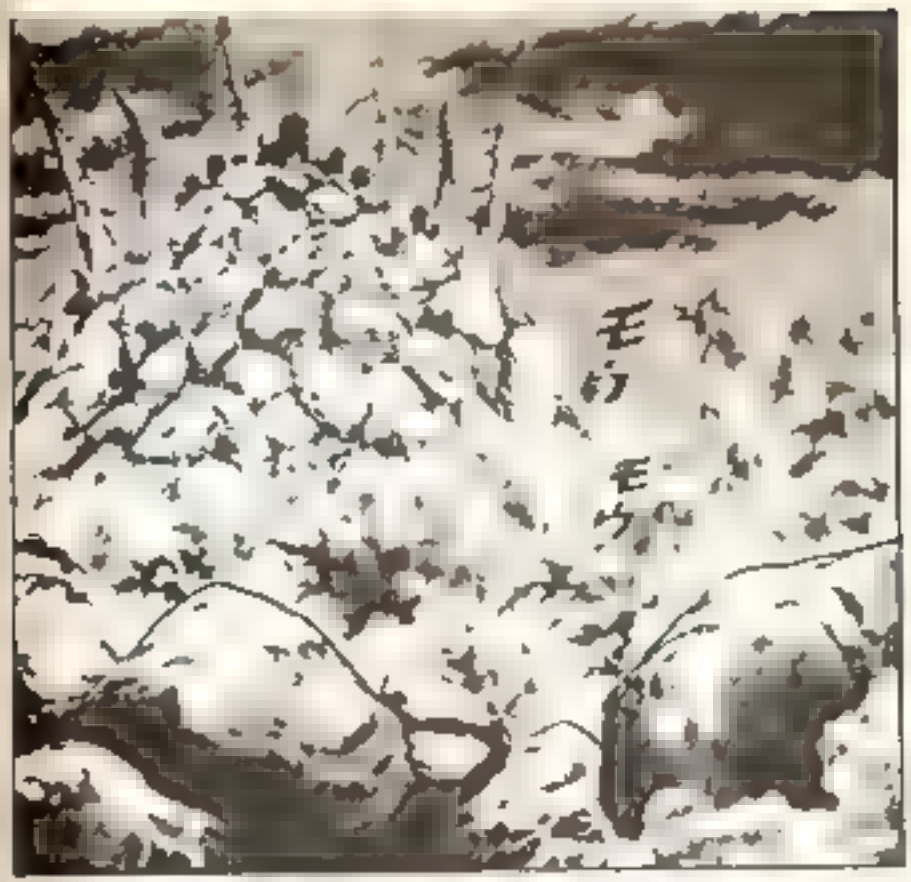
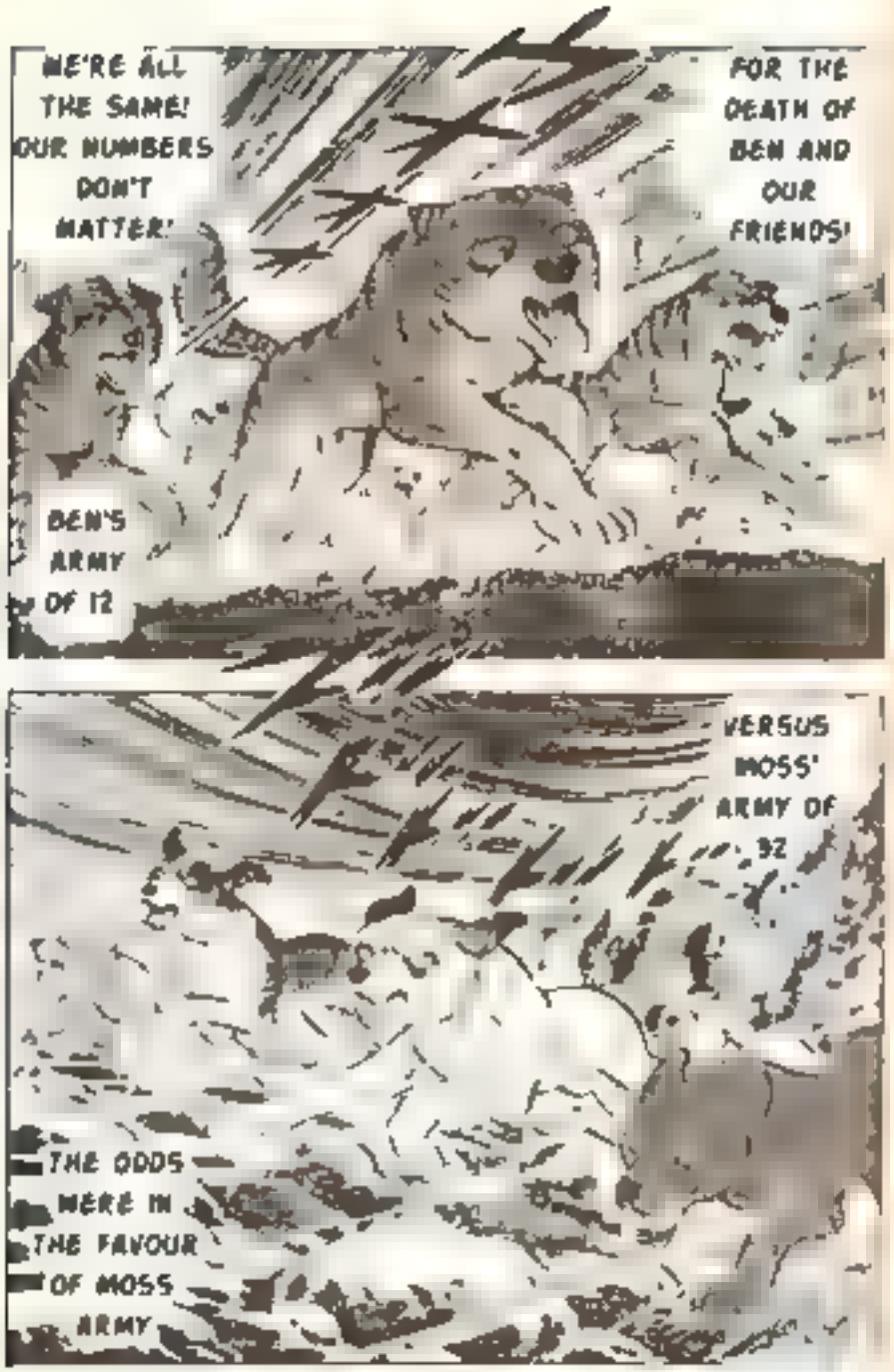

HEY WAIT, GIN! I'M YOUR BOSS FOR NOW! HEY!
THANK ME LATER! LET'S HURRY, SMITH!
THOUGH. MY FATHER WOULDN'T LIKE KASUMI DARE TO OBEY SOMEONE ELSE.
YOUR GOAL IS A BIG ONE.
EVEN IF MY FATHER WON'T AGREE TO IT I'LL GO WITH YOU.
I'LL GO, THOUGH.

GREAT. WHERE IS EVERYONE?
BEN AND THE OTHERS WENT TO MEET WITH MOSS!
GIN, SMITH! WHERE HAVE YOU GUYS BEEN?!
SHIT! WE'RE TOO LATE?!
THANKS TO YOU, I M STILL ALIVE.
THANK YOU FOR BEFORE.

YOU LOT, DON'T LET A SINGLE ONE OF THEM LEAVE KASUMI DAKE ALIVE GO GET JAGUAR'S MUK DEERES
SO WHAT IF YOU'RE DHU FOLLOWERS? YOU THINK YOU CAN TAKE US?!
YES!

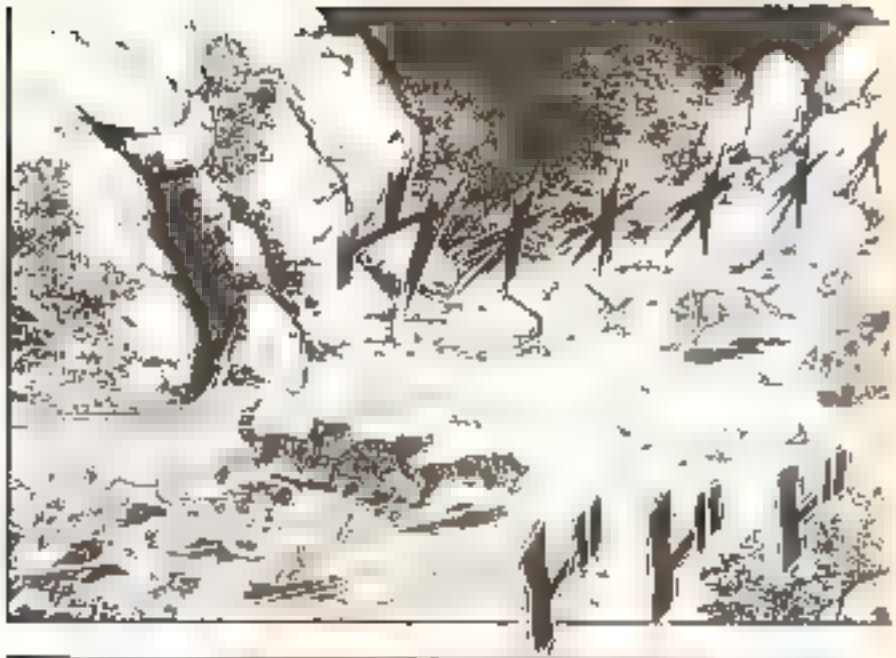

CALM DOWN CROSS! YOU'RE NOT THE ONLY ONE WHO'S UPSET
DAMMIT BEN, BEN!
MARK AND JACK ARE GONE TOO!
WE DON'T KNOW HOW MANY OF BEN'S SOLDIERS ARE DOWN!




WE'RE ALL THE SAME! OUR NUMBERS DON'T MATTER!
FOR THE DEATH OF BEN AND OUR FRIENDS!
BEN'S ARMY OF 12
VERSUS MOSS' ARMY OF 32
THE ODDS WERE IN THE FAVOUR OF MOSS ARMY

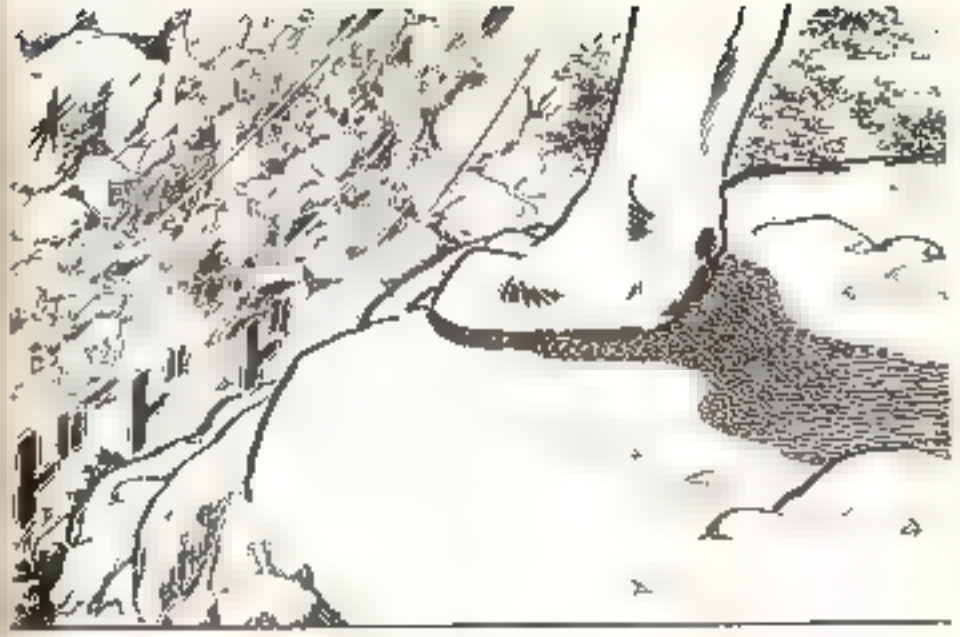
BEN HAS TAKEN DOWN! NOW WE DON'T HAVE A CHOICE BUT TO LOOK TO YOU FOR OUR COMMANDS
KAI ?! ARE THEY ATTACKING US! WHAT SHALL WE DO?
KAI?!
LET'S DO IT!
ISN'T IT OBVIOUS ?!

YES!
LET'S GO! WE MAY DIE BUT DON'T STOP FACING THEM!

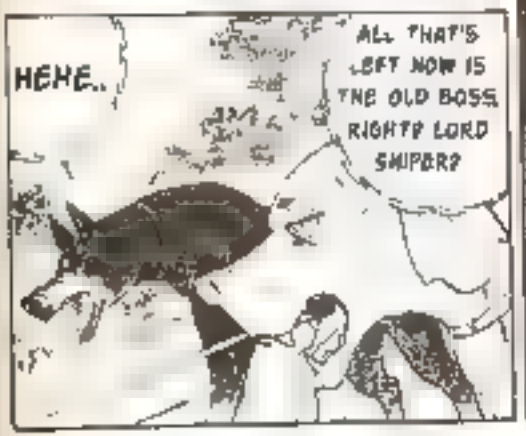


ALL I'M INTERESTED IN IS REIGNING THE ONU MOUNTAINS!
THAT AKAKABUTO CAN DO WHATEVER HE PLEASES.

ESPECIALLY AFTER I'VE CRUSHED THE BOSS!
THE COUNTRY WILL FALL UNDER ME, AND CALL ME LEADER.

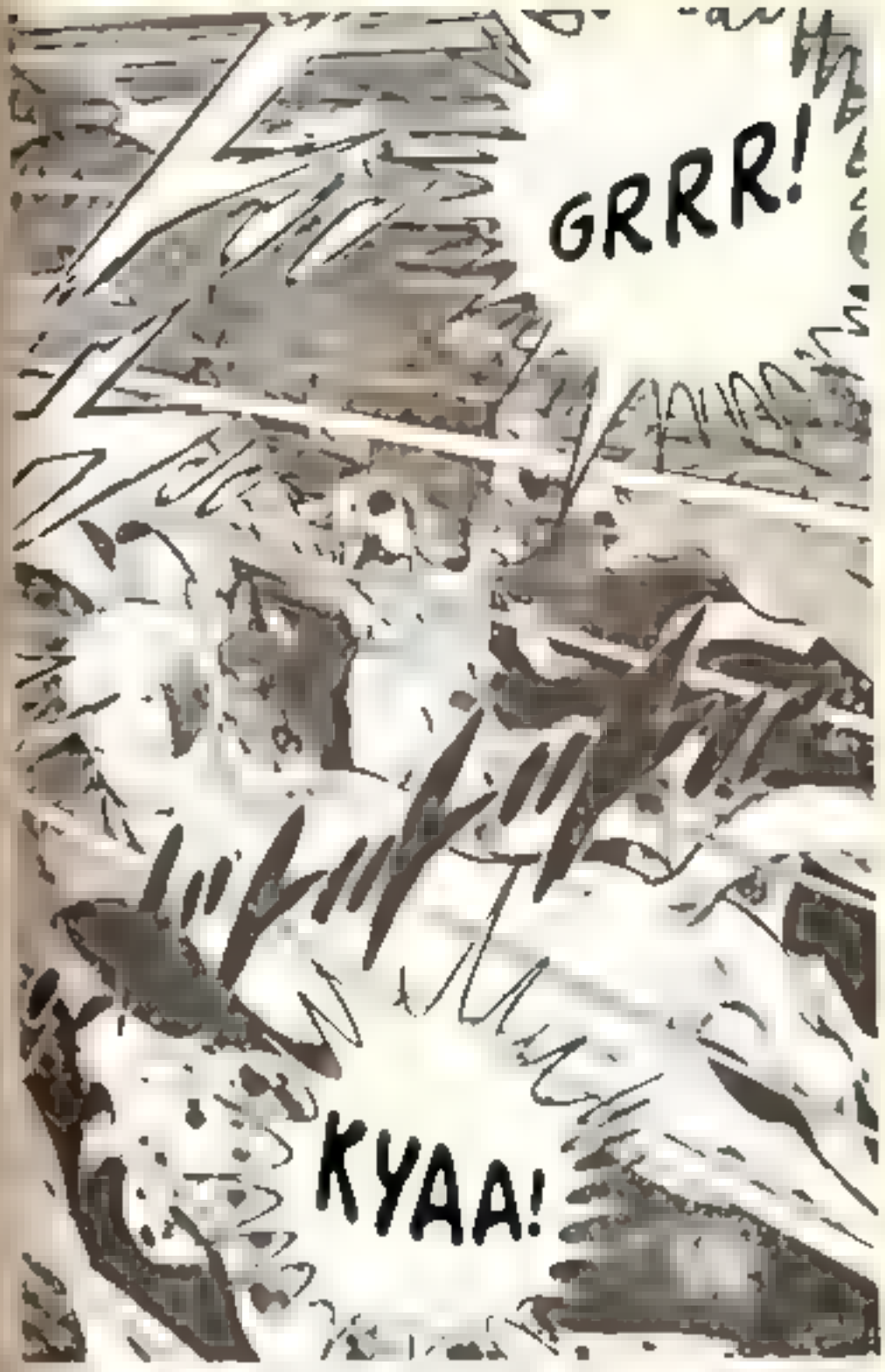


IT'S AS THOUGH ONU'S ALREADY IN MY HANDS!


HEHE..
ALL THAT'S LEFT NOW IS THE OLD BOSS, RIGHT? LORD SNIPER?

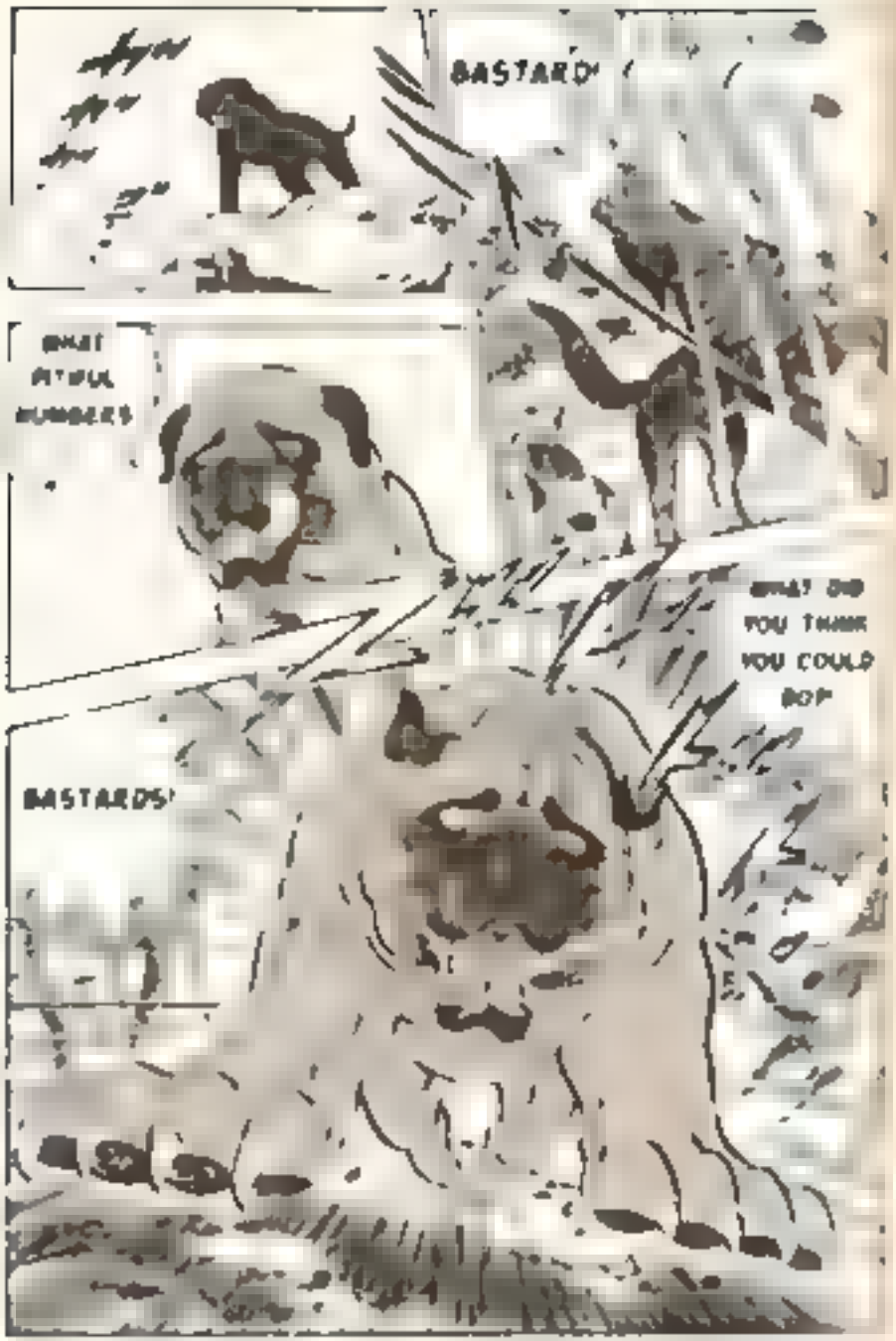
..AND BEN'S ALREADY BEEN KILLED!
HEH. GIN'S PROBABLY ALREADY DEAD..

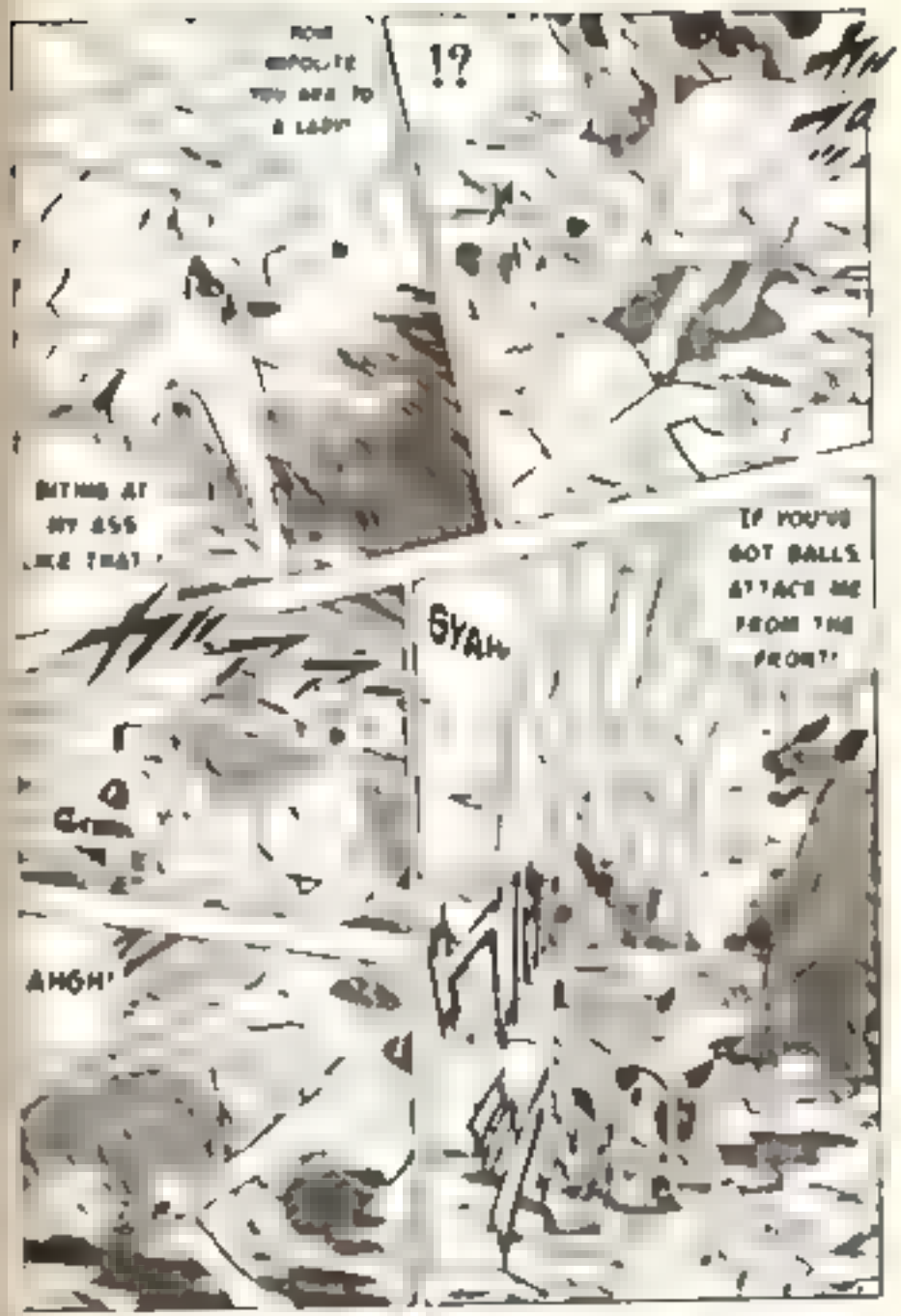
RRR!


GRRR!
KYAA!

I'M KUROTORA!
COME AT ME IN YOUR HUNDREDS, I WON'T CARE!
I WON'T DIE, BASTARD! COME ON!
CHUTORA WON'T SHOW YOU ANY SYMPATHY!

DO YOU KNOW ME, YOUNG-STER?!
THEY CALL ME AKATORA, THE DEMON DOG OF KAI!
GYAAH!


BASTARD!
WHAT PITIFUL NUMBERS
WHAT DID YOU THINK YOU COULD DO?
BASTARDS!


!?
BITING AT MY ASS LIKE THAT!
IF YOU'VE GOT BALLS, ATTACK ME FROM THE FRONT!
GYAH
AHGH!

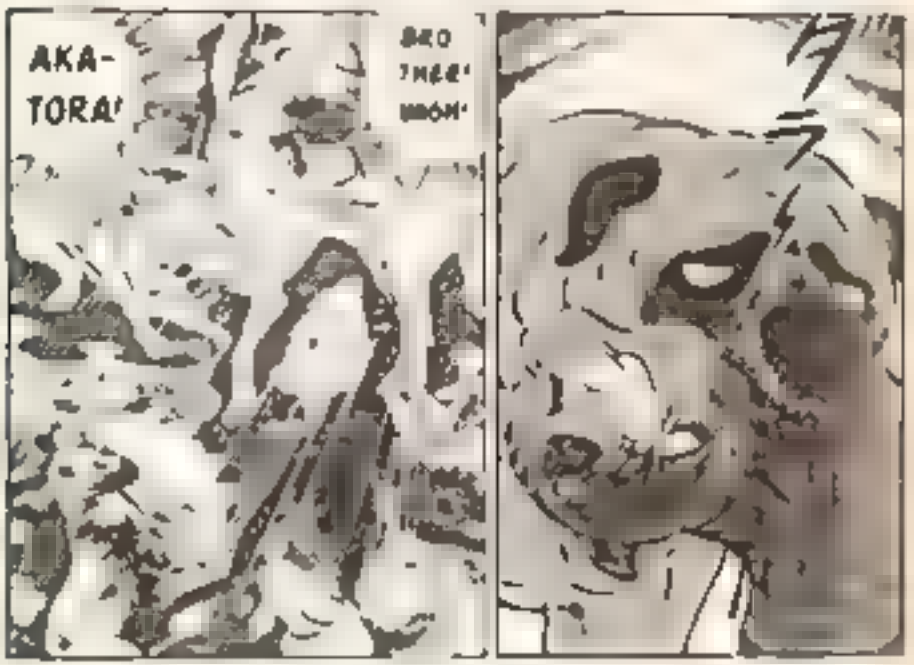
DON'T YOU THINK YOU THROW YOUR 'BEST SOLDIERS AROUND A LITTLE MORE THAN NECESSARY?
HEHE. YOU REALLY ARE FAT MOSS.
DON'T FIGHT ME..!
BOSS !

MY BEST, YOU SAY?

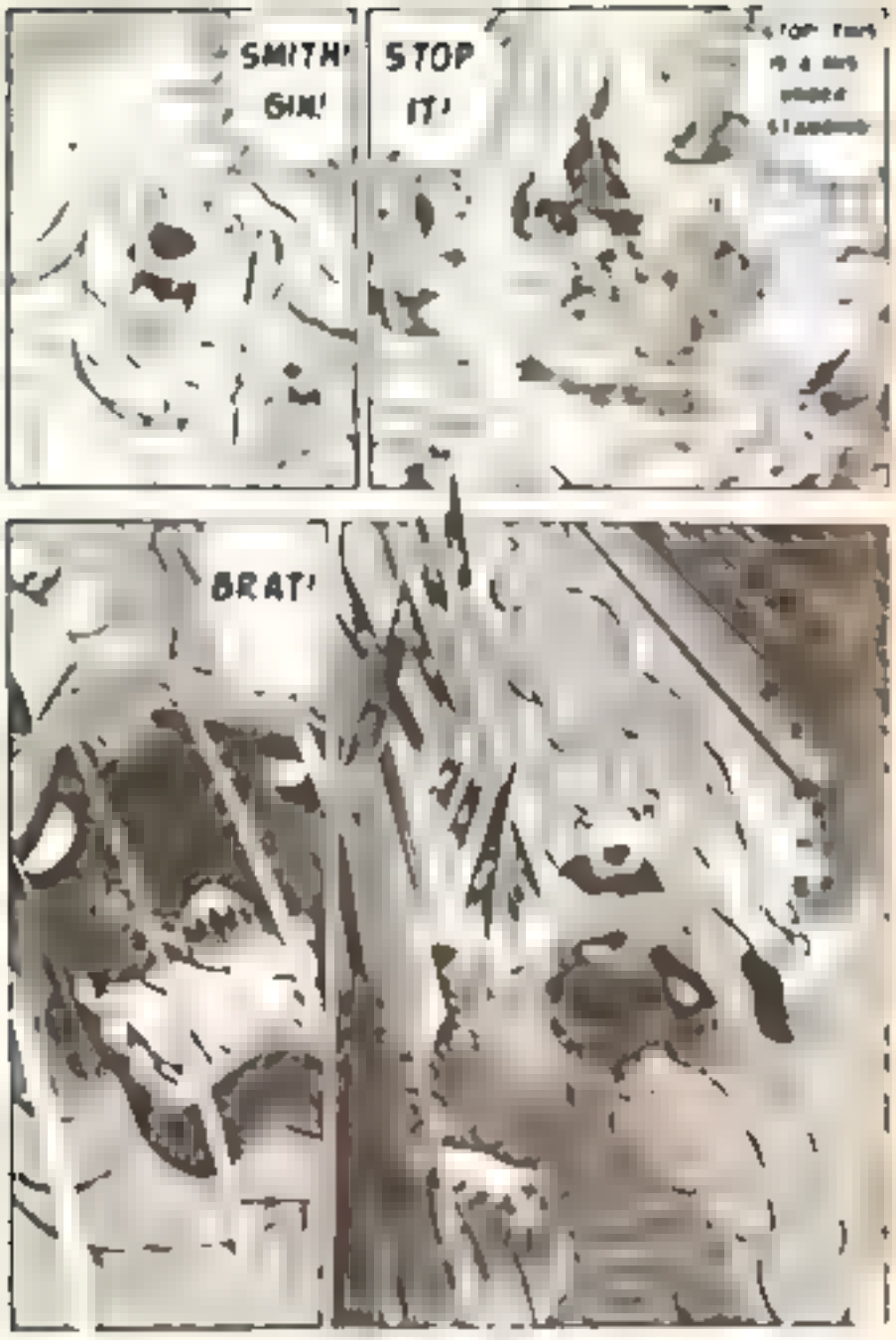
GUHAHH!

UAH!
SH
AKA-
TORA!
SHIT!
GET OFF
YOU
BASTARD!
AKA-
TORA!

GAHAA!
GUAH!


AKA-
TORA!
BRO
THER!
WOH!

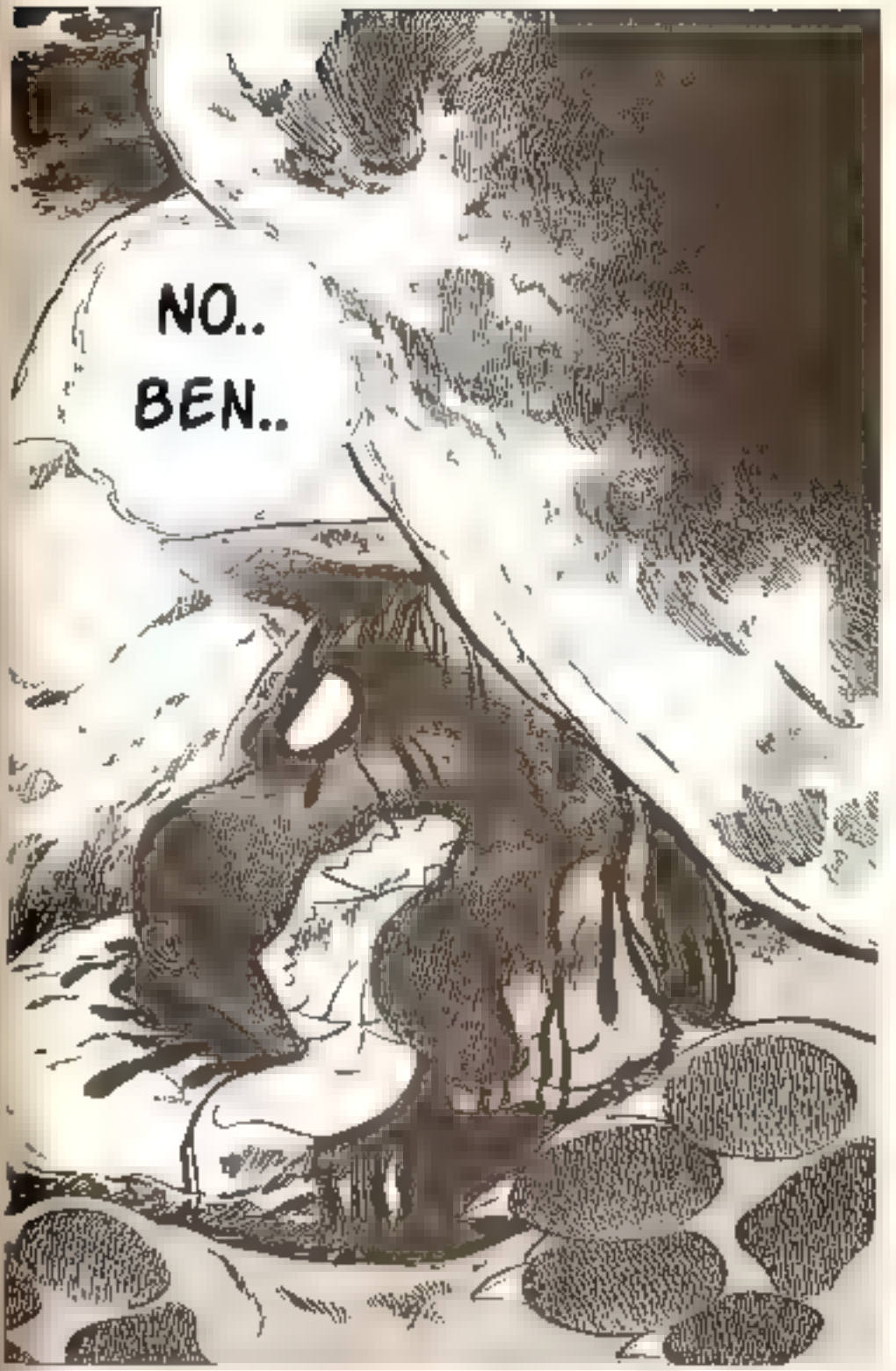
THIS IS
THE BEST
YOU
HAVE?
HE CAN'T
EVEN MOVE
HOW
LAUGHABLE
GUAH!
FOOL!
GET BACK
YOU WEAK-
LINGS!
BROTHER!


SMITH!
GIN!
STOP
IT!
BRAT!

BEN IS BENEATH YOU, BIK.
I'M SERIOUS! COME OUT!
BEN!
...

WE'RE NOT THE ONES WHO INJURED HIM!
STOP! YOUR SON JAGUAR IS ALIVE!
WHAT?
SNIPER WAS THE ONE WHO WOUNDED JAGUAR!
WHERE'S BEN? WHERE IS HE? SMITH AND I NEED TO REPORT WHAT HE SAW!
YOU THINK I'LL STOP BECAUSE A BRAT FROM BEN'S PACK TOLD ME TO?
YOU THINK THIS CAN STOP NOW, BRAT?

IT CAN'T BE..!

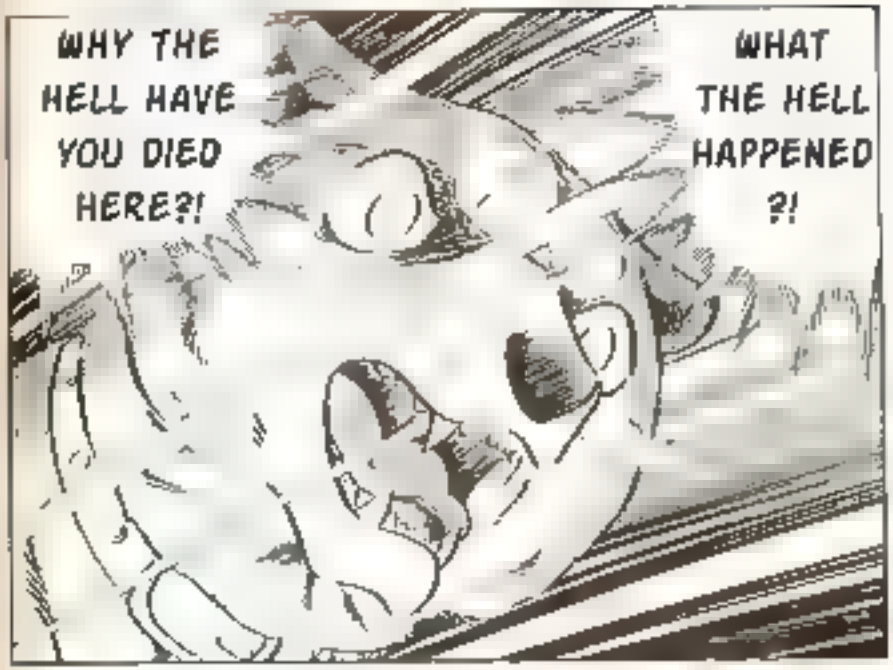

NO.. BEN..

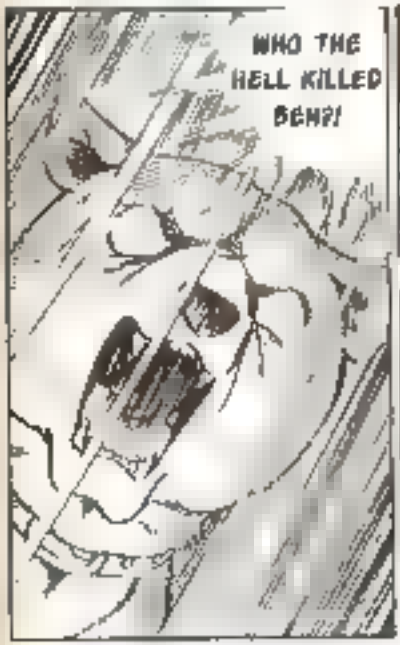
GIN'S ANGRY.!
GIN..!

BUT YOU SAY JAGUAR IS ALIVE, SO KILLING THESE GUYS CAN WAIT A BIT!
HEH. YOU'RE JUST A LITTLE KID, BUT YOU SURE DO HAVE THE WILL TO FIGHT

WAS IT YOU?!
YOU.

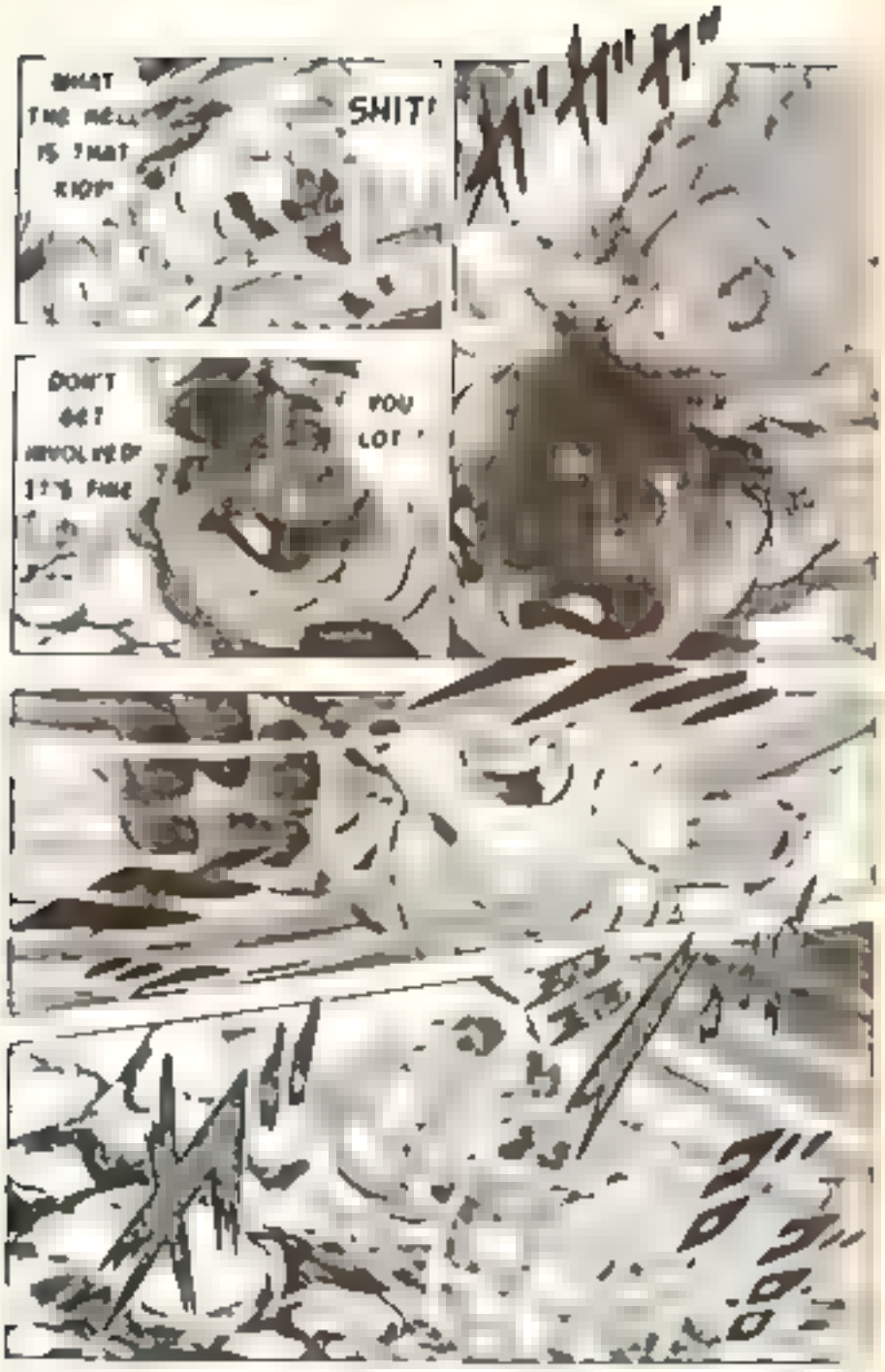
HUH?
LET'S GO, YOU LOT!


WHY THE HELL HAVE YOU DIED HERE?!
WHAT THE HELL HAPPENED ?!

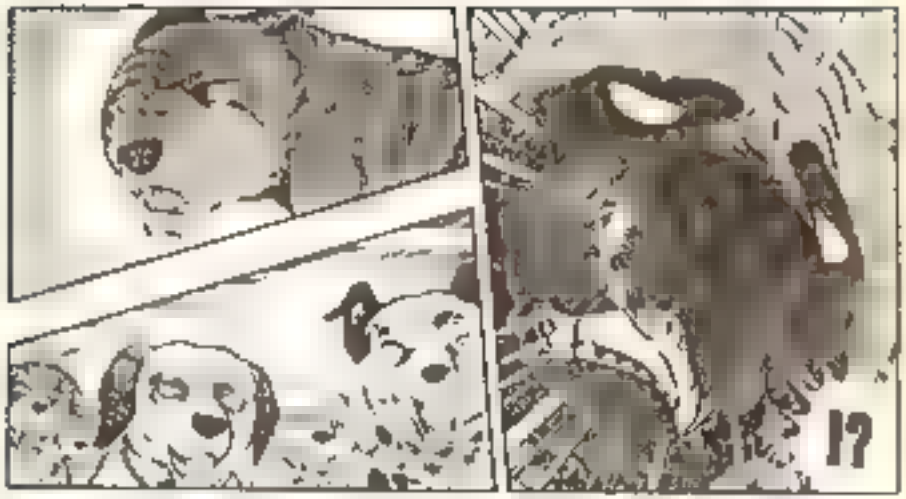

WHO THE HELL KILLED BEN?!

WHO KILLED BEN..?!
WHO..

YOU BASTARD!
I KNOW IT WAS YOU!
GIN!
DON'T INTER-FERE!
BOSS!
I'LL KILL YOU
I'LL KILL YOU
HOHO! YOU'LL WHAT'LL YOU DO?


SHIT!
YOU
LOT!

WHY DID
YOU KILL
BEN?!
WHY...
?!
YOU
ASS-
HOLE!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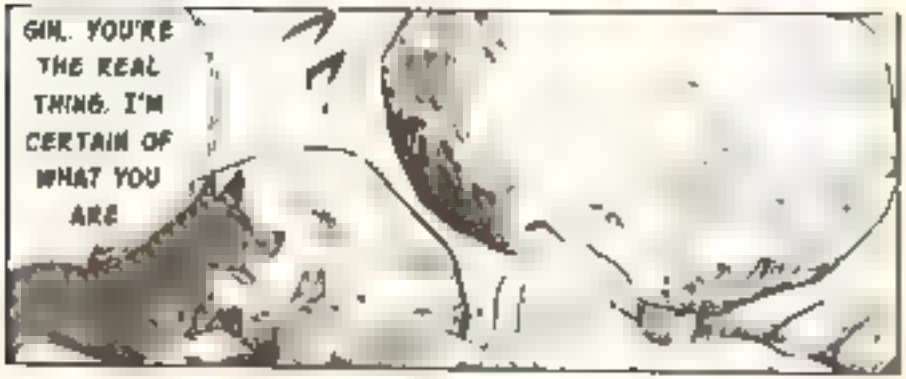
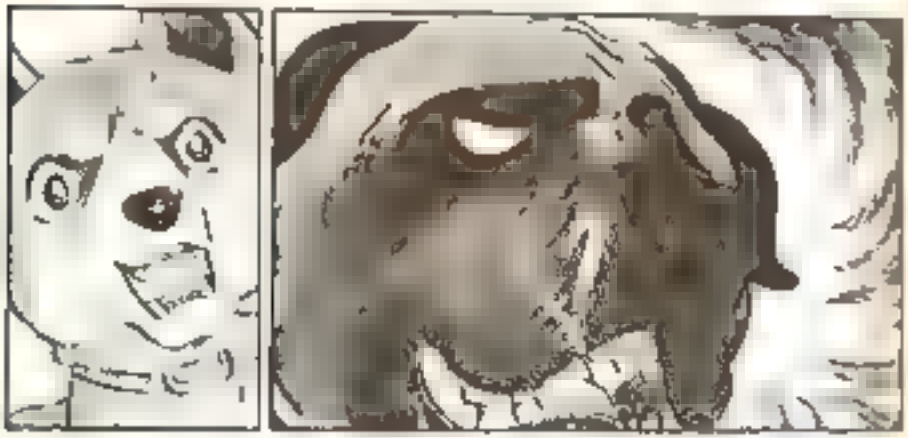
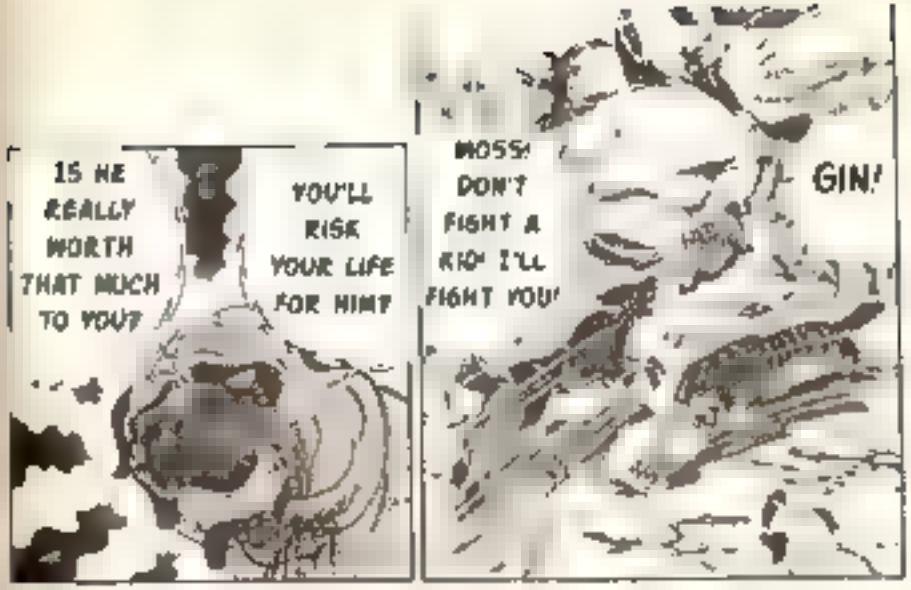

GIN. YOU'RE THE REAL THING. I'M CERTAIN OF WHAT YOU ARE




IS HE REALLY WORTH THAT MUCH TO YOU?
YOU'LL RISK YOUR LIFE FOR HIM?
MOSS! DON'T FIGHT A KID! I'LL FIGHT YOU!
GIN!

YOU'LL NEVER COMPARE TO BEN'S GREATNESS AND UNDERSTANDING!
SHUT UP! WE'RE NOT BASTARDS LIKE YOU!

!!
WAIT!

BEN!
GUAHH!

UAH!
UGHH!

AAH!
UAH!

THAT BEN ISN'T A FOOL. HE'S NOT FOOLISH WITH HIS OWN POWER.
YOU KNOW, DON'T YOU?
IS HE AN IDIOT.?
YOU'D BETTER REGARD THAT IF YOU DON'T WANT TO BE HIS ENEMY!
BEN'S REAL POWER IS SOMETHING YOU'LL NEVER POSESS.
GUHU..
I DON'T THINK YOU'RE OUR ENEMY.
OUR ONLY ENEMY IS THE BRUTAL BEAR AKA KABUTO.

BEN'S ALIVE!
AAH, BEN!
THERE'S NO NEED FOR OUR COMRADES TO QUARREL.
MOSS, WE'RE COMRADES.

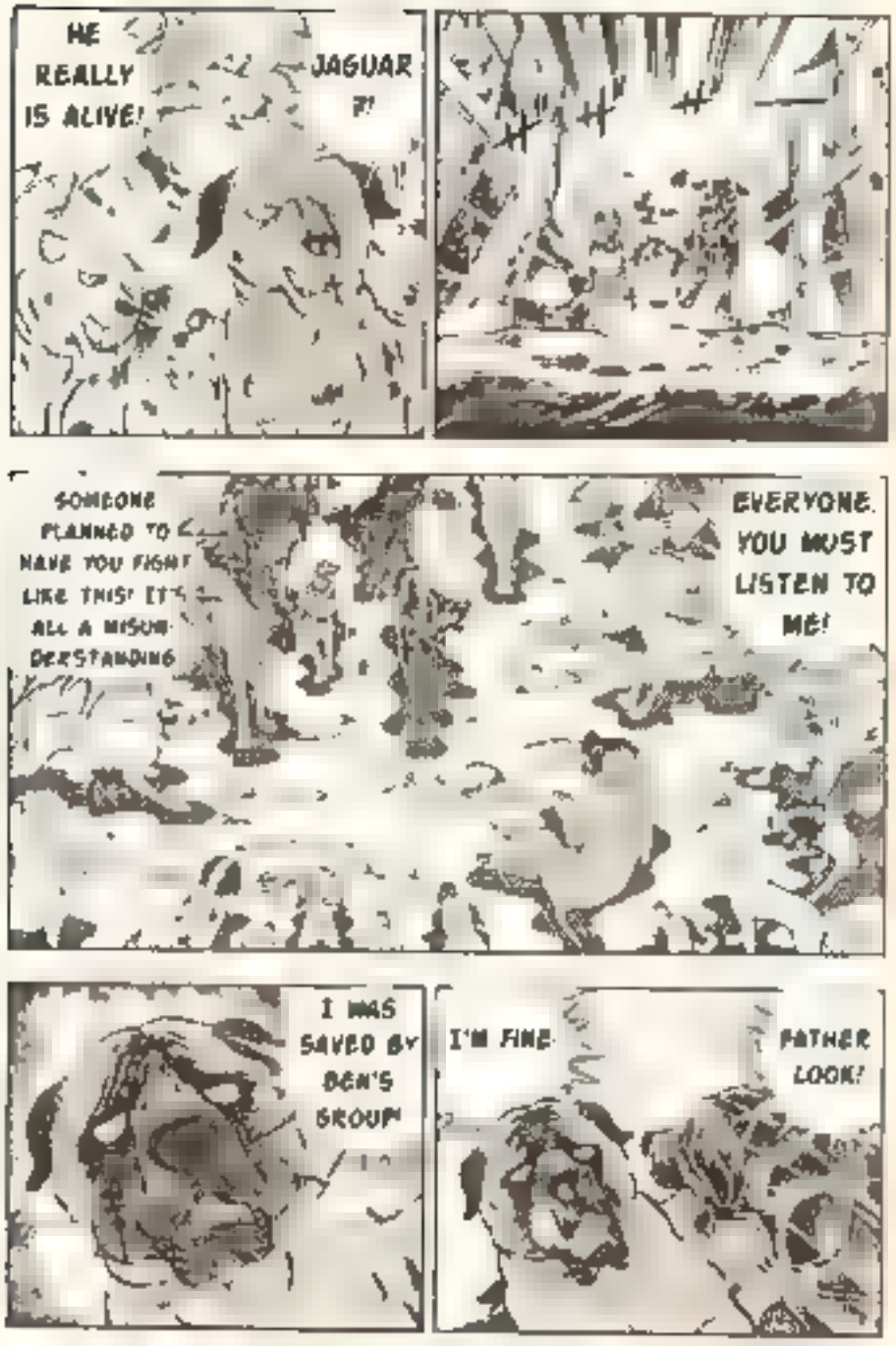
I WON'T LISTEN TO YOUR SHIT!
YOUNG ONE!
BEN, LOOK OUT!

IT'S MORE THAN YOUR WEIGHT CAN WITH-STAND!
NEH. THAT'S WHY IT DOESN'T PAY TO BE OVER-GROWN!

FROM TODAY, KASUMI DAKE IS FOLLOWING OUR LEADER, BEH! YOU GOT THAT?
LISTEN, ALL OF YOU!

THERE'S NO POINT IN KASUMI DAKE TO BE RELUCTANT
THE FIGHT IS OVER. ALL OF YOU
GUH..!
YOU NOW OWE TO LORD BEN!
ALL OF YOUR LIVES...

CHIEF MOSS!
UAH, BOSS!


HE REALLY IS ALIVE!
JAGUAR?!
SOMEONE PLANNED TO HAVE YOU FIGHT LIKE THIS! IT'S ALL A MISUNDERSTANDING
EVERYONE. YOU MUST LISTEN TO ME!
I WAS SAVED BY BEN'S GROUP!
I'M FINE.
FATHER LOOK!

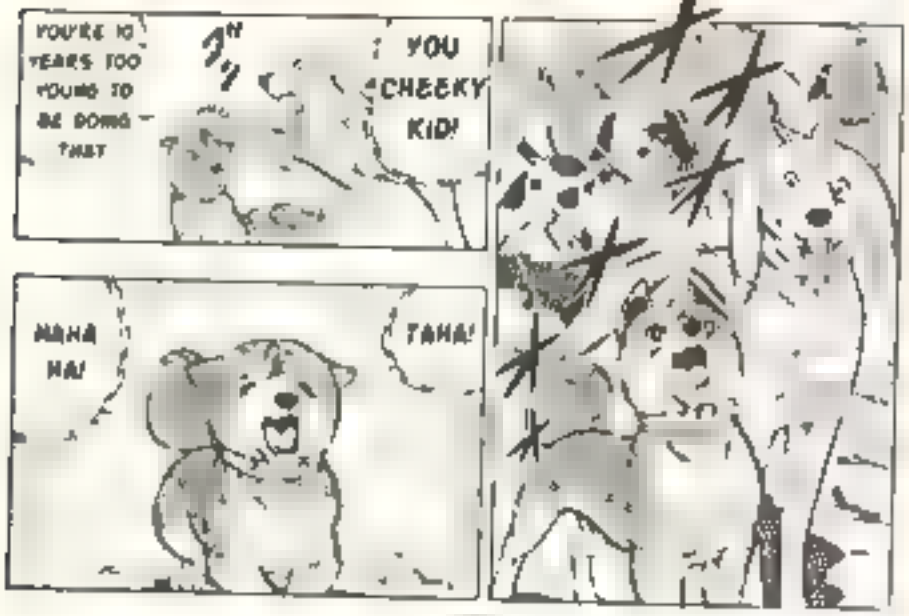
EVEN IF YOU THREATTEN TO KILL US, WE WON'T OBEY YOU!
GIVE IT A REST YOU KIDS! NO MATTER WHAT YOU SAY, WE'RE STILL MOSS' FOLLOWERS!
THEY'RE PROTESTING?
WH.. WHAT?
EVERY ONE!
WHERE'S JAGUAR? IF JAGUAR IS ALIVE PROVE IT TO ME!
YOU'VE TRESPASSED ON OUR TERRITORY DURING THIS FIGHT

THEY KNOW MY FACE.. I CAN'T SIMPLY RETURN!
BUT..! I'LL BE KILLED, LORD SNIPER!
YOU RETURN TO THE PACK FOR A BIT.
THIS IS BAD I'M GOING TO HAVE TO DISAPPEAR FOR A BIT NYENA..
JUST TALK YOUR WAY BACK IN! IT'S EASY, RIGHT?!
SHUT UP! IT'S AN ORDER.
L..LORD SNIPER!
BUT.. BUT I CAN'T..!

BEN'S PACK IS HUGE! THIS IS PISSING ME OFF..
MY PLANS ARE GETTING RUINED!
JAGUAR TOOF SHIT..
NO WAY.. GIN AND SMITH ARE ALIVE..

JUST AS I THOUGHT MY SON IS ALREADY WALKING ON HIS OWN.
YOU ALWAYS DID THINK LIKE A BRAT
HEHEHE
HEHE.
ANY GOOD LEADER WOULD KNOW HOW TO END THIS SITUATION, MOSS.
IT'S JUST AS YOUR SON HAS SAID. YOU CAN'T HIM SHUT HIM AWAY HERE. YOU HAVE TO LET HIM GROW INTO AN ADULT
MOSS
WE'RE FOLLOWING YOU, BEN.
ALRIGHT I KNOW.

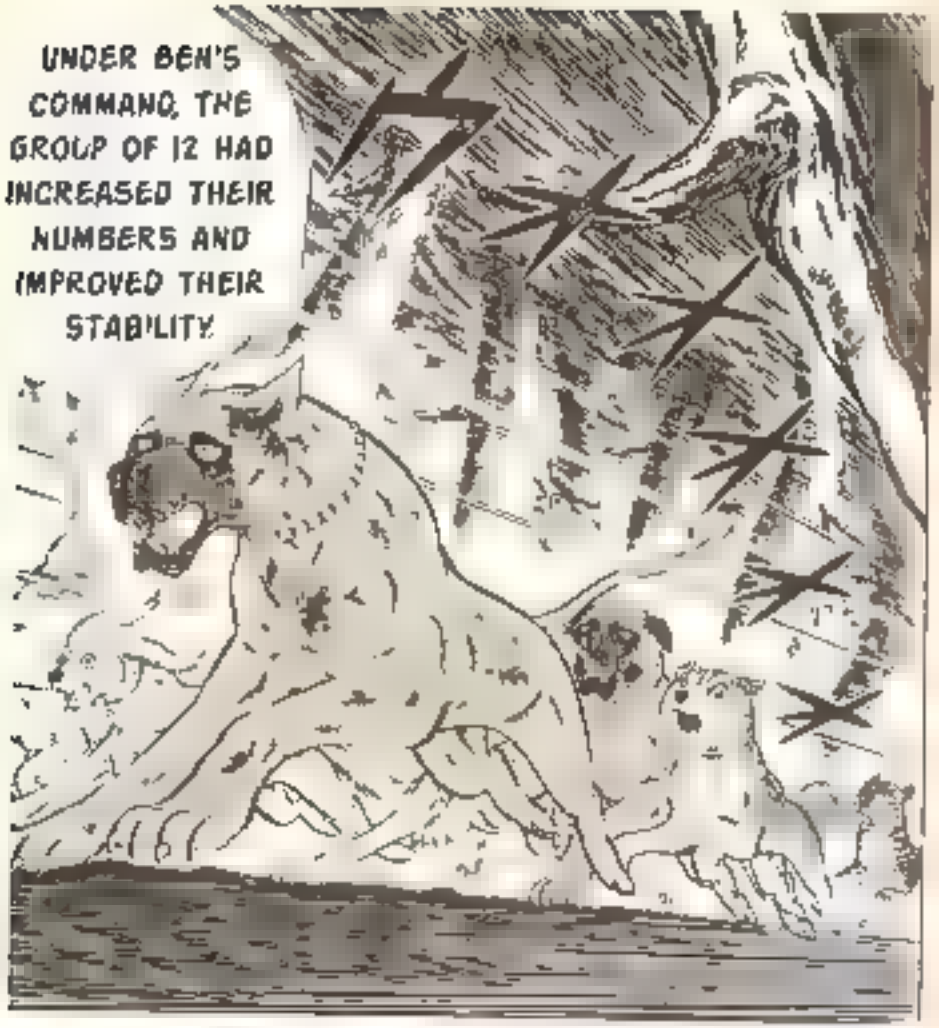
BEN'S GROUP HAVE A HUGE GOAL TO COMMIT TO. FATHER PLEASE LEND THEM YOUR POWER!
FATHER PLEASE.
YOU WERE FINE ALL THIS TIME?!
AAH, JAGUAR!
JAGUAR
I'LL LEAVE THIS MOUNTAIN BY MYSELF IF I NEED TO
I DON'T THINK THEY CAN DO IT WITHOUT YOUR POWER

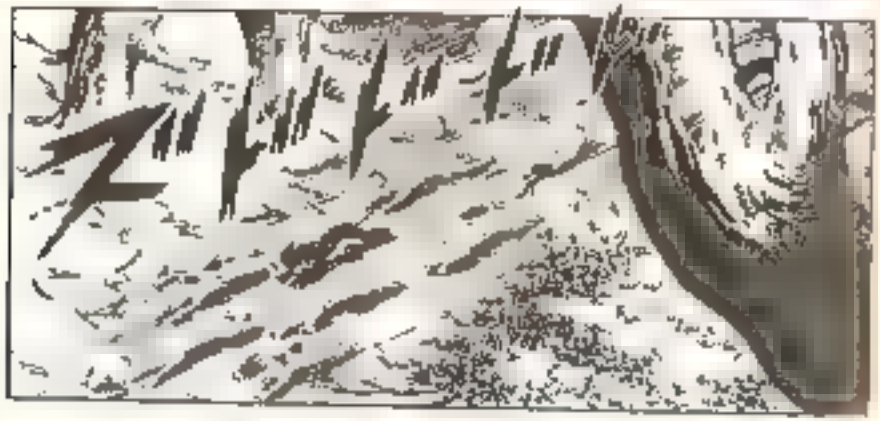

YOU'RE 10 YEARS TOO YOUNG TO BE DOING THAT
YOU CHEEKY KID!
HAHA HA!
TAHA!

THAT'S THE ONLY PLACE I'LL ALLOW MYSELF TO DIE! EVERYONE, GET READY!
I'M GOING TO HELP TAKE DOWN AKAKA-BUTO, WHO IS PLAGUING ONU!

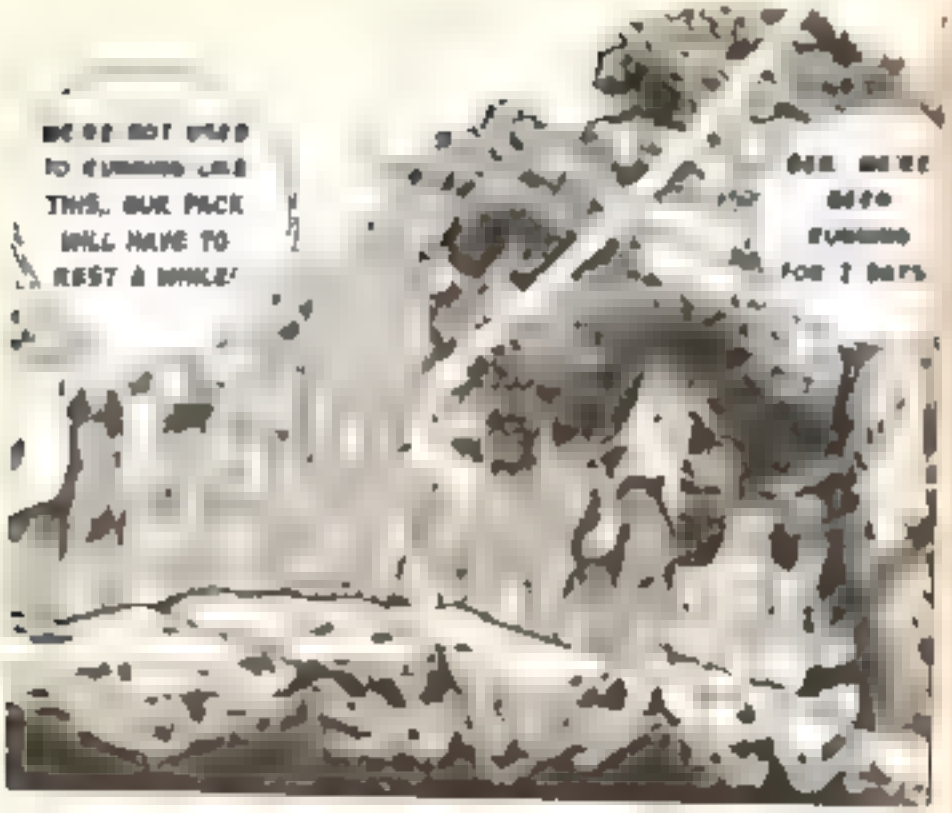
I'LL LIVE TO BE A HUNDRED!
HEHE. ALRIGHT

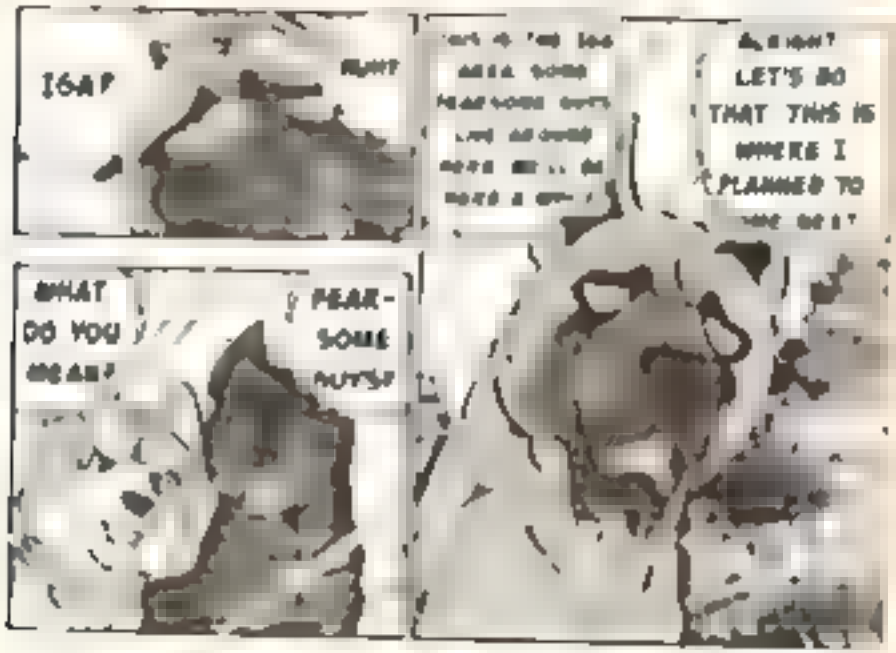
WE'RE FIGHTING SO THAT WE CAN CONTINUE TO LIVE.
THERE'S NO NEED FOR YOU TO GO DYING, MOSS.

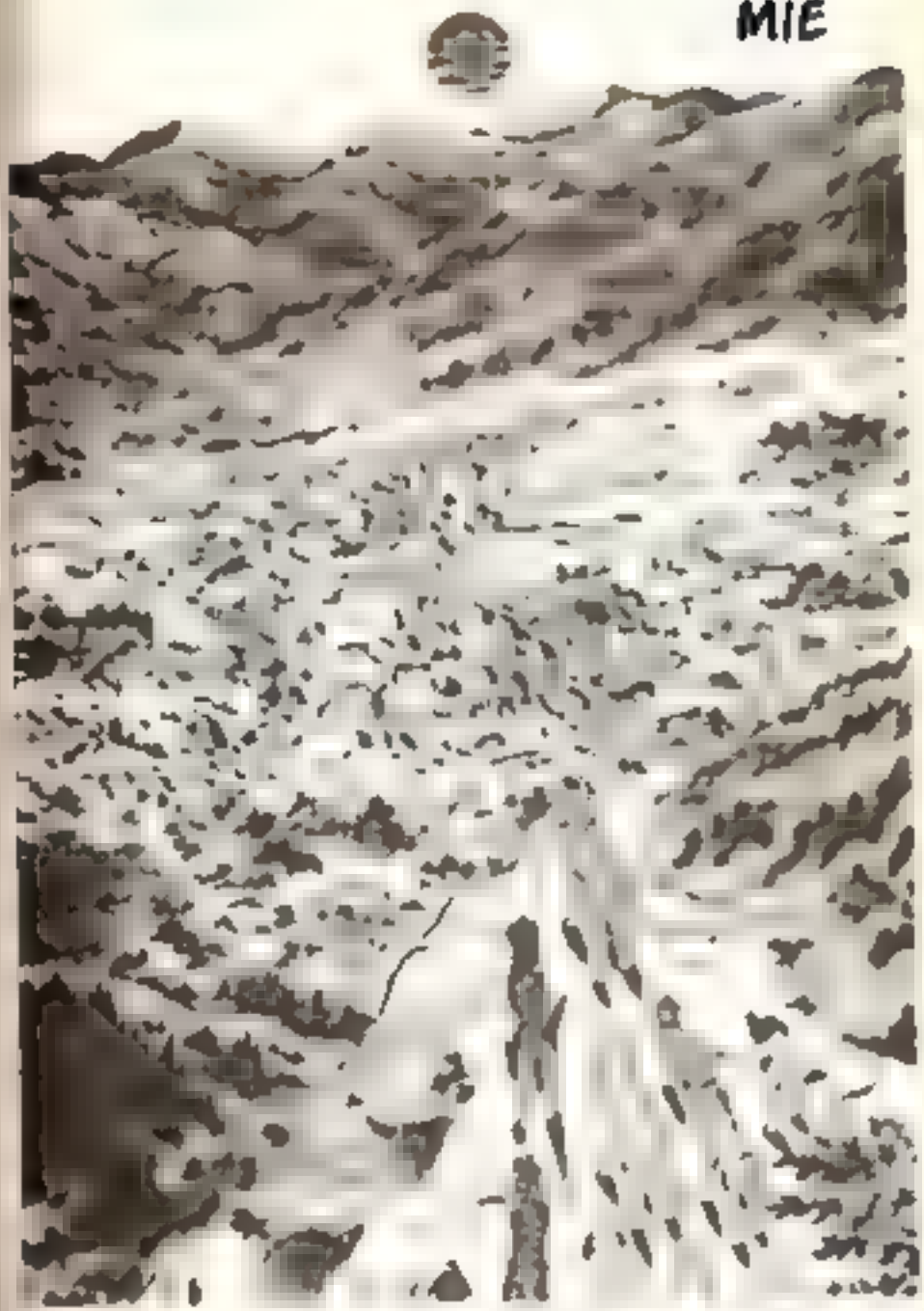

UNDER BEN'S COMMAND, THE GROUP OF 12 HAD INCREASED THEIR NUMBERS AND IMPROVED THEIR STABILITY.



AT LAST, THE DEVIL OF KASUMI DAKE HAD BEEN MOVED BY BEN.
BEN'S HOWL OF VICTORY WAS LOUD IN THE DARK NIGHT.


WE'RE NOT USED TO RUNNING LIKE THIS. OUR PACK WILL HAVE TO REST A WHILE!
WE WERE RUNNING FOR 2 DAYS


IGAP
RUN!
ALRIGHT LET'S SO THAT THIS IS WHERE I PLANNED TO
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
PEAR-SOME NUTS!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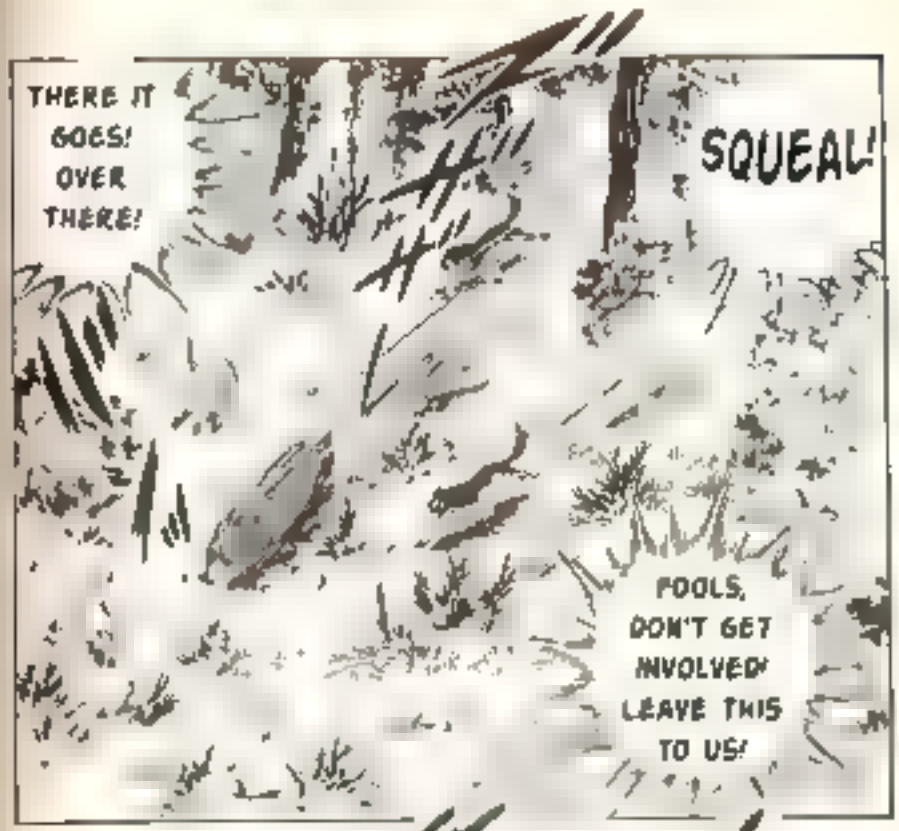
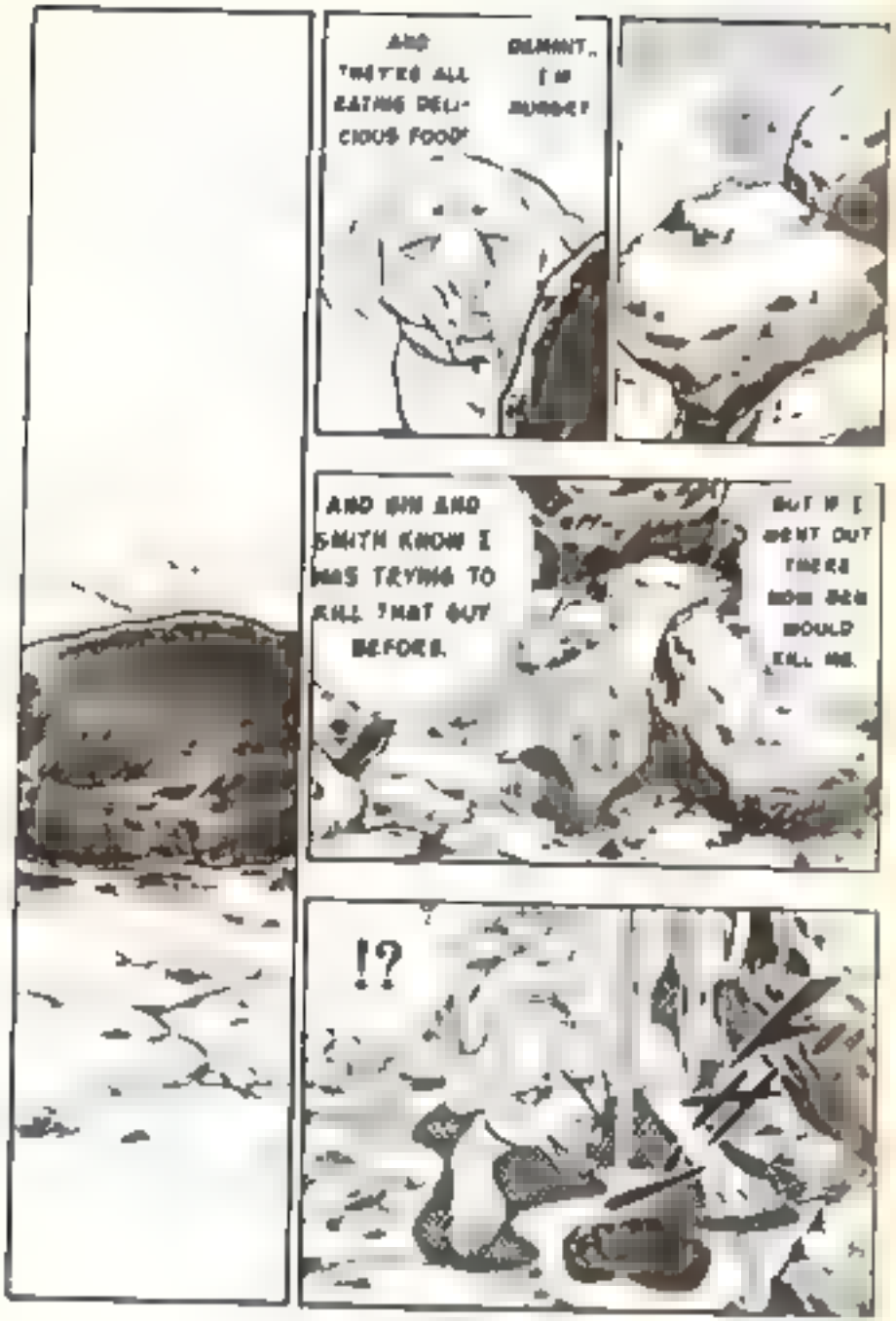
GUAH!
SQUEAL!

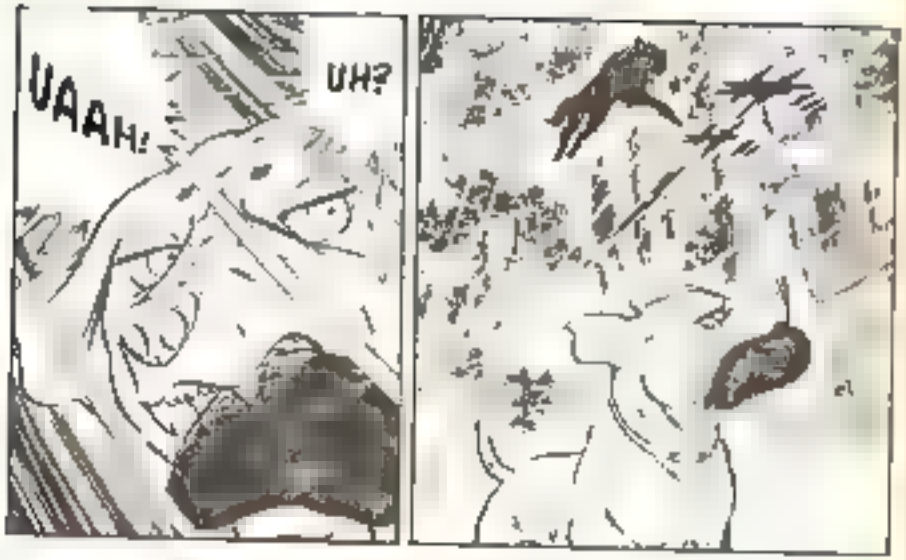
DON'T OVERDO IT!
NOAH, MOSS!


THERE IT GOES! OVER THERE!
SQUEAL!
FOOLS, DON'T GET INVOLVED! LEAVE THIS TO US!

SQUEAL!


AND THEY'RE ALL EATING DELICIOUS FOOD!
DAMMIT, I'M HUNGRY
AND SIN AND SMITH KNOW I WAS TRYING TO KILL THAT GUY BEFORE.
BUT IF I WENT OUT THERE NOW SIN WOULD KILL ME.
!?

HEY, KAIS! DON'T CALL ME OLD! I MAY NOT BE YOUNG, BUT I CAUGHT IT!
HAHA. THE OLD MAN HAS SOME TERRIBLE POWER!
EVERYONE, NOW THAT THERE'S 70 OF US, DON'T THINK YOU'LL BE GETTING GOOD FOOD LIKE THIS EVERY DAY!
HEY STOP TALKING TO ME LIKE THAT
HAHA! IT'S HARD FOR THE MOST GLUTTONOUS OF US ALL TO BE SAYING THAT!
WE'LL ONLY BE ABLE TO EAT EVERY 3 OR 4 DAYS!
YEAH. FROM NOW ON
YOU'LL HAVE TO BE PATIENT



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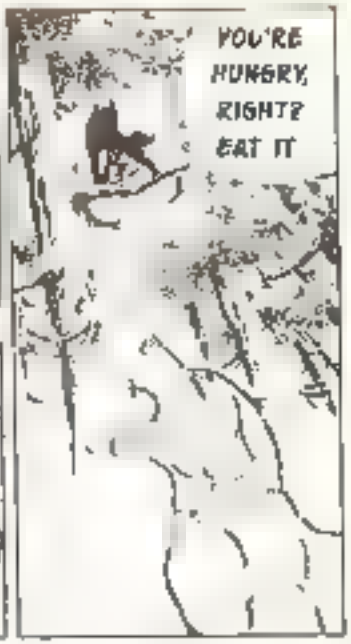
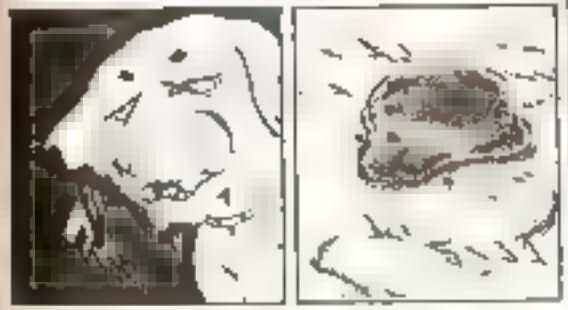
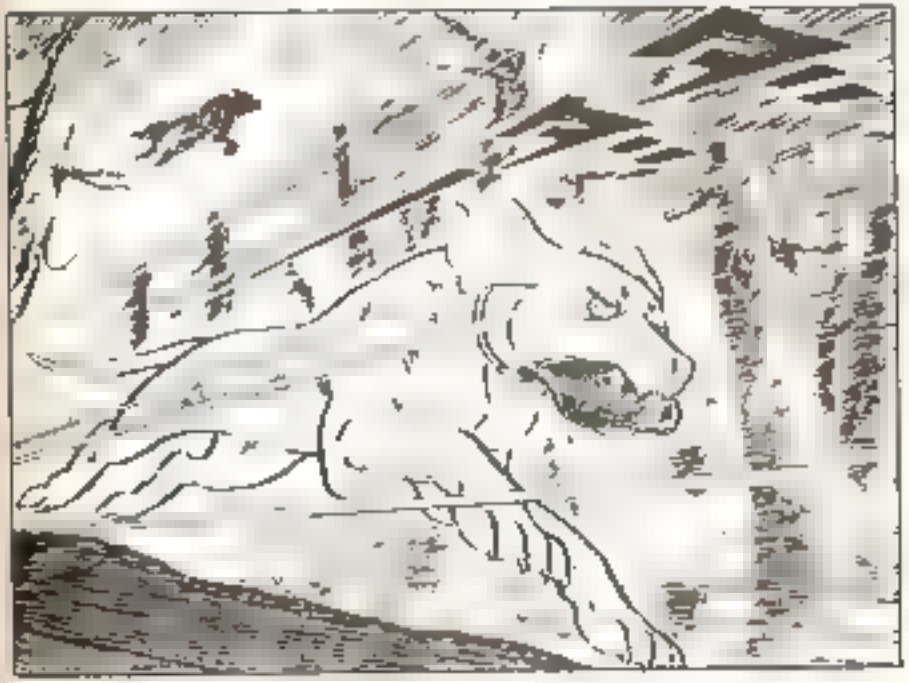
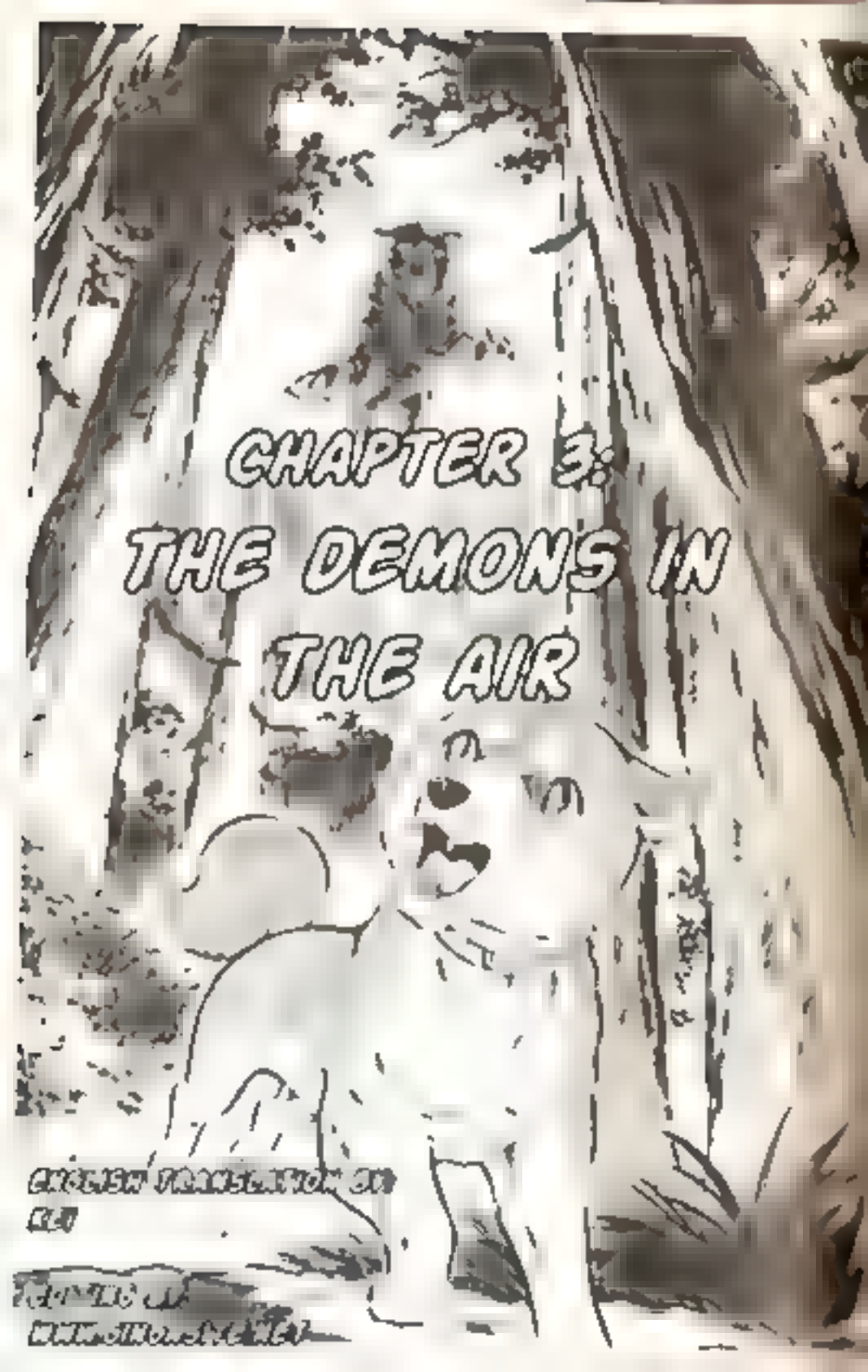







CHAPTER 3:
THE DEMONS IN
THE AIR

UAAAGH!
EEEEk!

GO TO YOUR FRIENDS!
LET ME GIVE YOU A WARNING.
THEY ARE MY FRIENDS! THEY'D KILL YOU IF YOU TOUCHED ME!
HEH. GONNA TRY KILLING ME?
THEY'LL BE IN TROUBLE!
THEY'RE NOT WELCOME HERE. IF THEY SET MORE THAN A FOOT INTO OUR TERRITORY.
GO BACK!
WHAT?!

WHO ARE YOU.?!
ARE THOSE DOGS BACK THERE YOUR FRIENDS?
WHY DID YOU RUN? THERE'S NO NEED.

WE'LL KILL YOU BY ORDER OF OUR LEADER!
IF YOU DON'T COMPLY WITH THAT PROMISE

PANT
PANT
PANT
AND IF YOU IGNORE OUR WARNING WE'LL KILL YOU!
WE ENJOY WAR

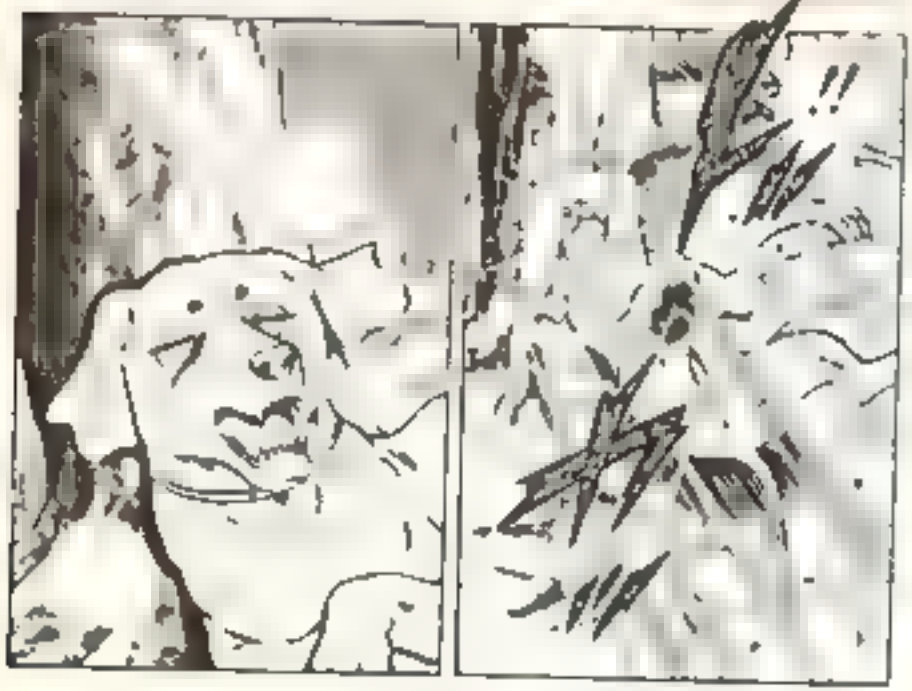
!?

YOU'VE GOT SOME NERVE TO BE SITTING IN FRONT OF US!
PANT
PANT
PANT
TELL ME! I WANT TO SEE WHO YOU'VE BEEN PLOTTING WITH!
WHERE'S GENERAL SNIPER?
I WAS THREATENED BY SNIPER!
IT'S NOT LIKE THAT, BEN!

THE SCREAM WE HEARD CAME FROM THIS WAY!
OVER HERE!
YOU..!
AAH, OVER THERE!

BEN!
WAIT JAGUAR. HE'S IN MY PACK. I'LL DEAL WITH HIM.
B. BEN.
YOU'RE NO SUB-ORDINATE OF MINE!
YOU FOOLISH COWARD.

DON'T YOU OWE HIM SOME-THING?
JAGUAR GIVE IT TO HIM.
AND HE WOUNDED JAGUAR!
WOOU! IT'S THIS BASTARD! HE KILLED MY SUBORDI-NATE.
I DIDN'T HAVE A CHOICE! IF I DIDN'T DO IT, SNIPER WOULD HAVE KILLED ME!
EEEK! PLEASE DON'T!
EH! PLEASE DO SOME THING!
SHUT UP! YOU KNOW WHAT YOU DESERVE
PLEASE SPARE ME KAIS. PLEASE STOP THIS!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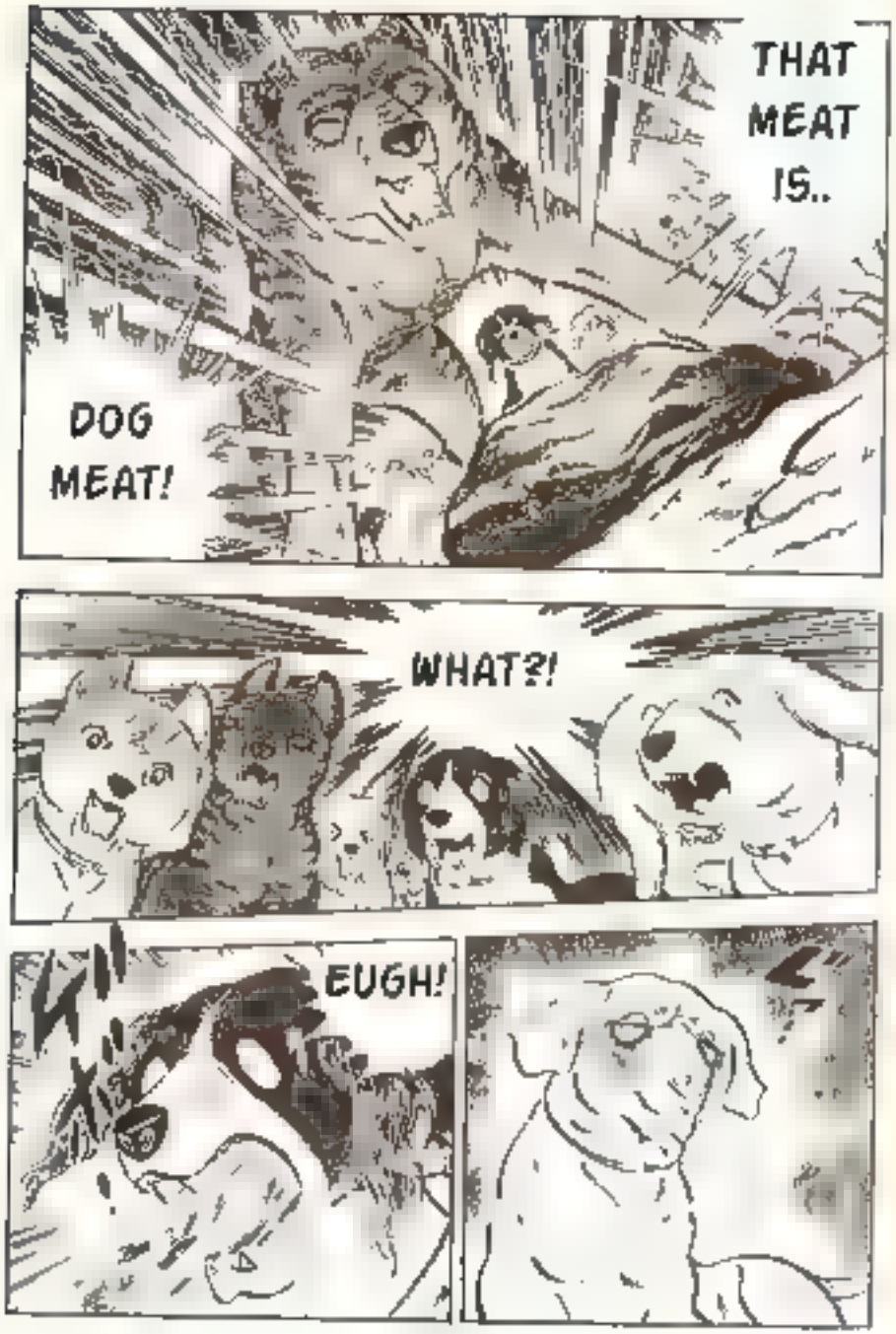
HE DESERVES TO BE KILLED!
HE SHOULD
YOU'VE NOT GOING TO ARE YOU!
BEN.

EEEK!
BEN!

I HAVN'T EATEN FOR 2 DAYS! PLEASE GIVE IT BACK!
M..WAIT! THAT'S MINE!
HOW'D YOU GET SUCH GOOD MEAT?
HERE! YOU BASTARD
HEH. IF YOU SAY SO!
SMITH. DON'T BE LIKE THAT! GIVE IT TO HIM!
HEE!
THANK YOU!

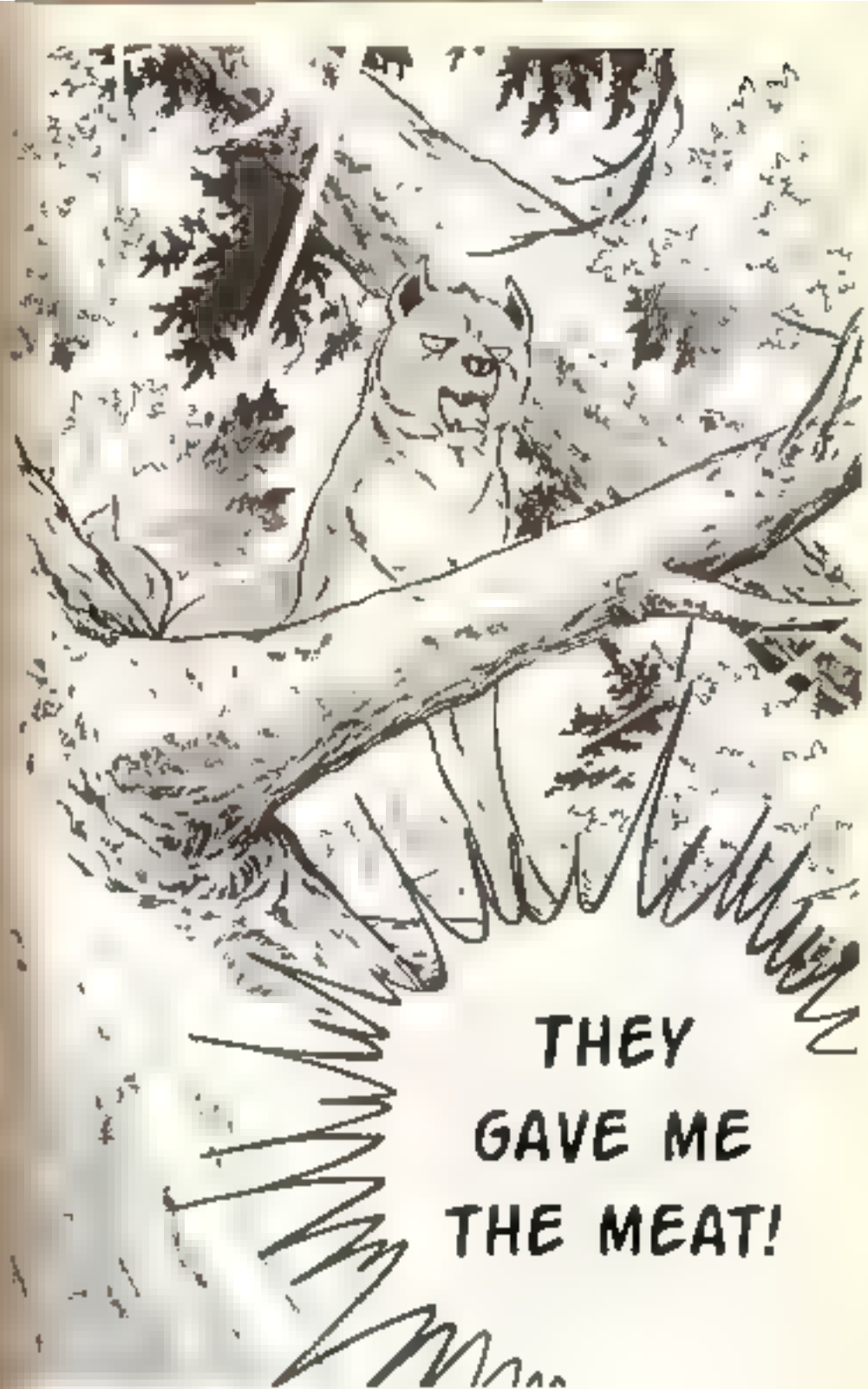
BUT, YOU'D BETTER BE READY NEXT TIME
THAT'S ENOUGH FOR TODAY
THEN, I MIGHT RECONSIDER
IF YOU WANT TO BE SPARED, BRING SNIPER TO ME!
I'M SORRY, MOSS. PLEASE TRY TO STAND IT. I'D RATHER LET SOMEONE LIVE THAN KIL THEM
YOU'RE SOFT BEN.

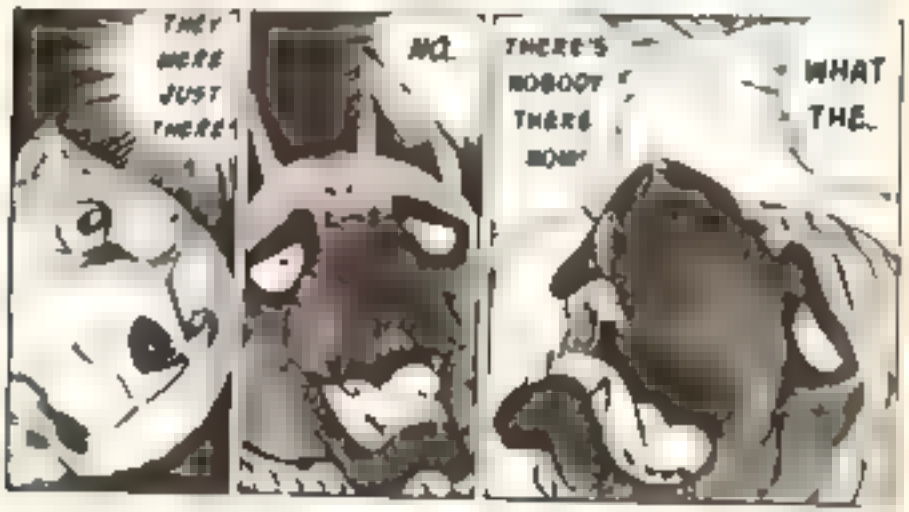

THAT MEAT IS..
DOG MEAT!
WHAT?!
EUGH!

WHERE'D YOU FIND THAT MEAT?!
WAIT, YOU!
WHAT ?!
IT'S MINE! I WON'T GIVE IT TO ANYONE!
YOU WANT IT DON'T YOU?
HUH?
DON'T YOU KNOW WHAT THAT MEAT IS?!
YOU FOOL!

BY WHO?'
I WAS GIVEN IT' REALLY'
I DON'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT IT'
IT WAS THEM!
THEM.!

UAGH!
KAL DON'T MAKE SUCH A BAD JOKE!
YOU BASTARD. YOU REALLY SHOULDN'T BE ALIVE!
I'M NOT JOKING.

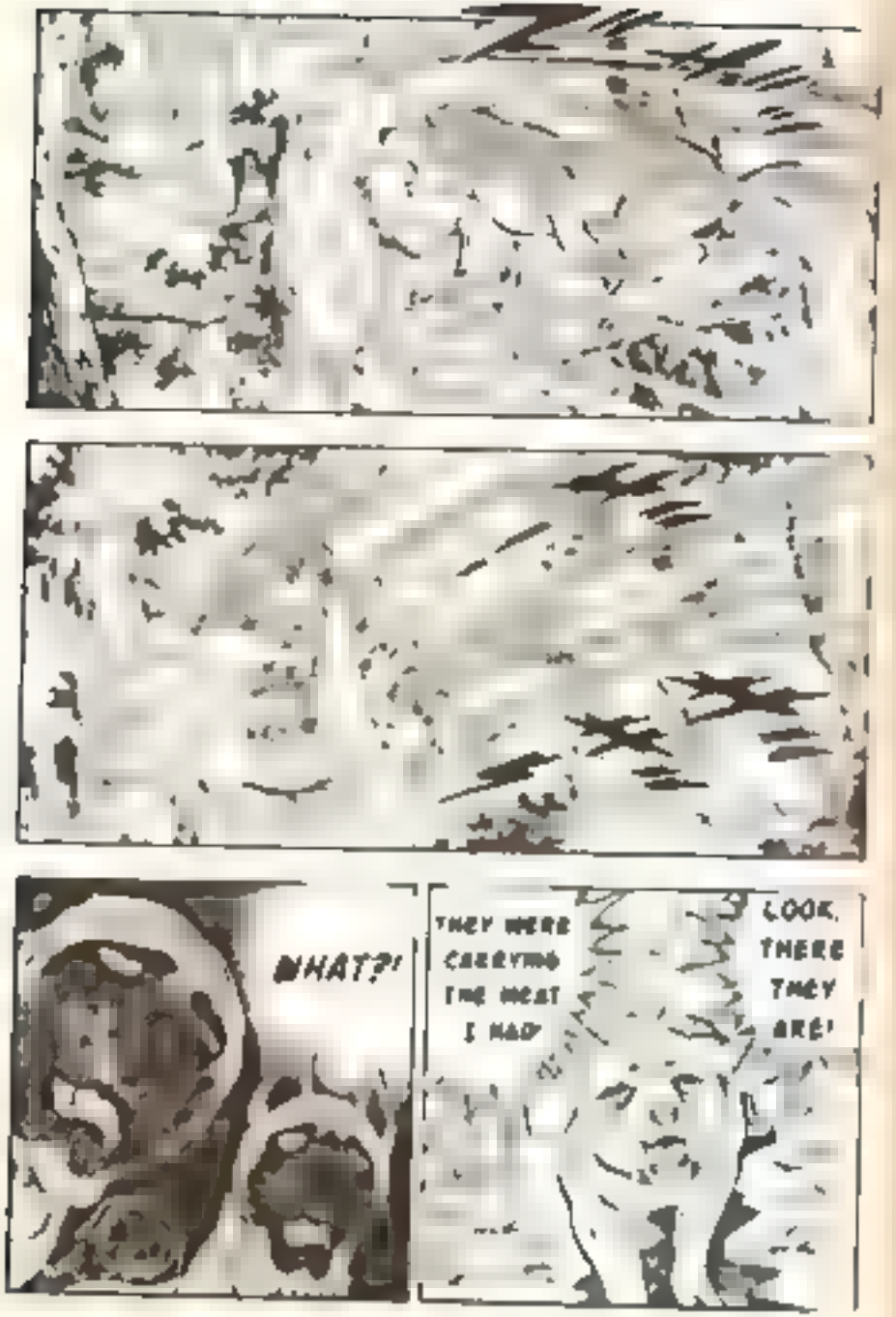

THEY
GAVE ME
THE MEAT!


THEY WERE JUST THERE!
NO.
THERE'S NOBODY THERE NOW!
WHAT THE..

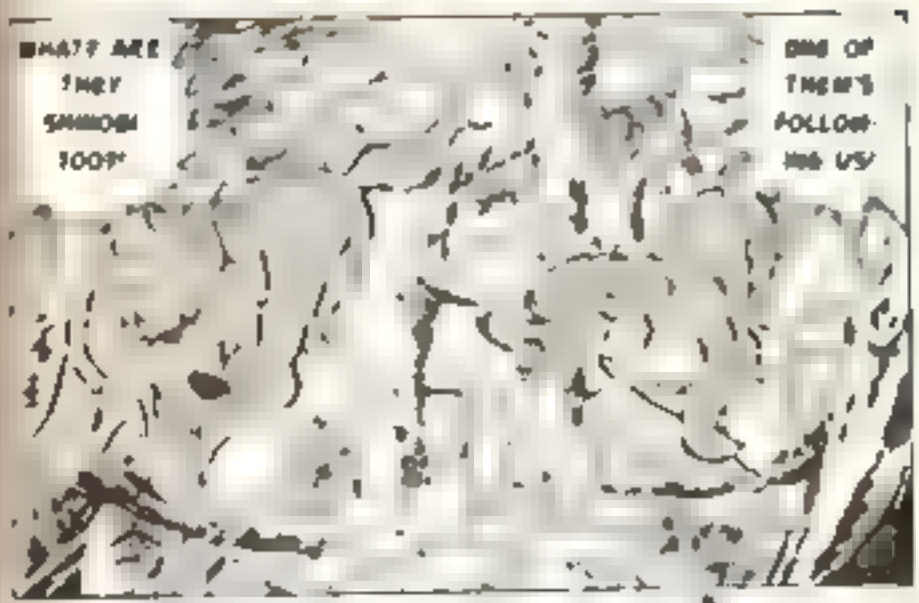
HUH?!
WHAT ?!

HUAH!
UAH!
!?

YOU WON'T GET AWAY WITH THIS!
WHERE ARE YOU? I'LL SHOW YOURSELVES!
YOU'RE ONE TO GO SAYING STUFF LIKE THAT
HEH DON'T BITE OFF MORE THAN YOU CAN CHEW HYENA
YOU TRICKED ME! COME DOWN HERE YOU ASSHOLES
GOD DAMMIT WELL DONE YOU BASTARDS!
I KNOW THEY WERE!
NO. THEY WERE THERE.
YOU CAN NIHILISTIC BASTARD.
HYENA. YOU REALLY SHOULDN'T BE ALIVE.

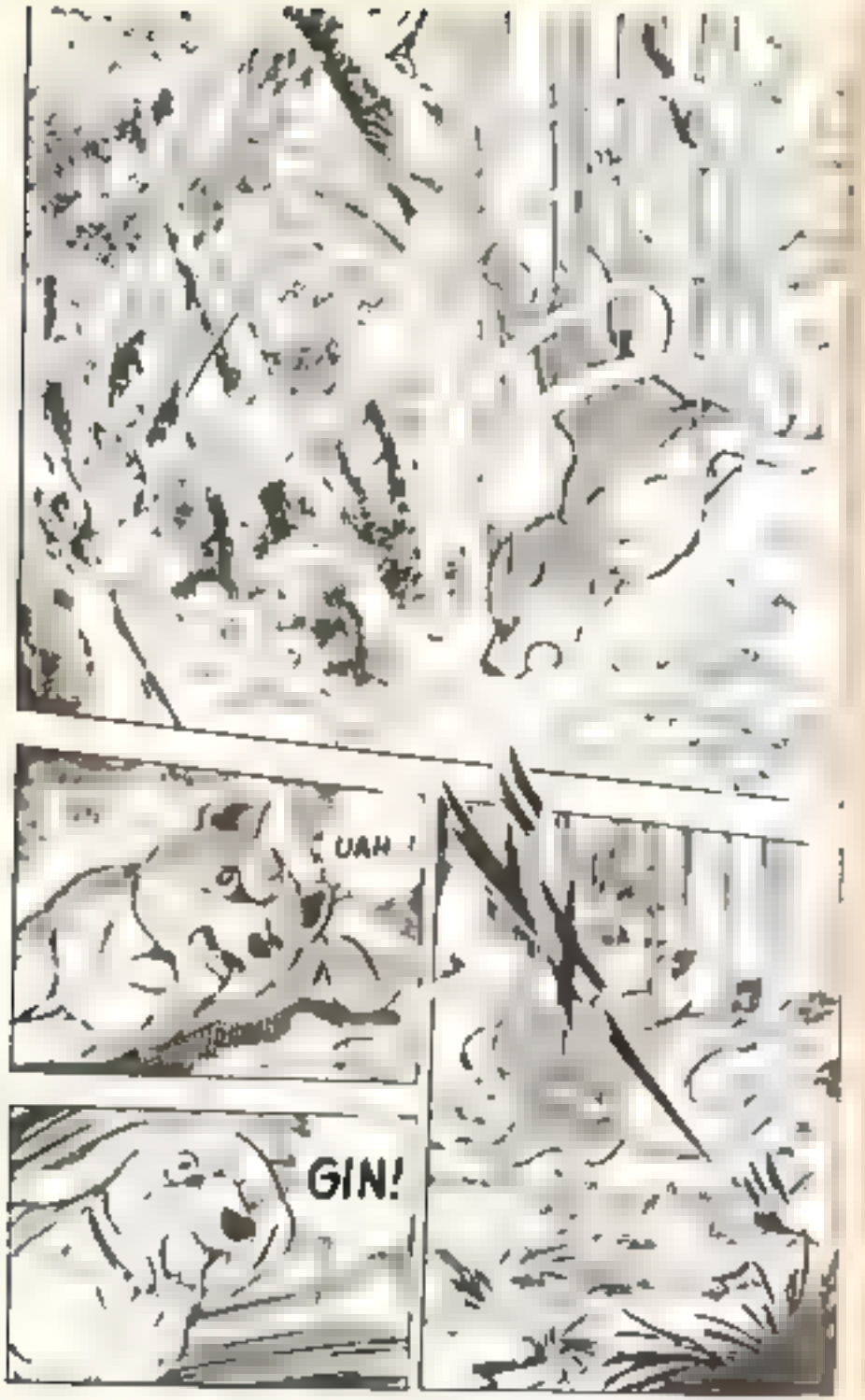

WHAT?!
THEY WERE CARRYING THE MEAT I HAD!
LOOK, THERE THEY ARE!

THERE'S NO POINT IN HIDING!
COME ON OUT!
COME BACK!
OH, YOU CAN'T..!
WOAH! HE JUMPED RIGHT UP!


WHAT? ARE THEY SUMMON MORE?
ONE OF THEM'S FOLLOWING US!

OH!

THEY'RE RUNNING AWAY!
OVER HERE! CHASE THEM!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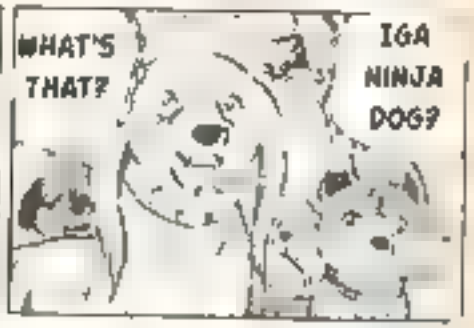
GIN!

GIN!



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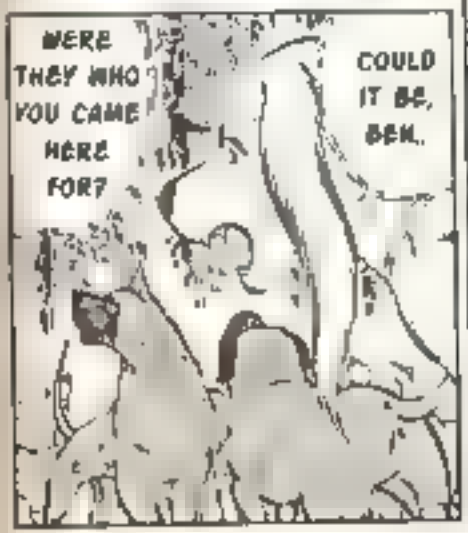

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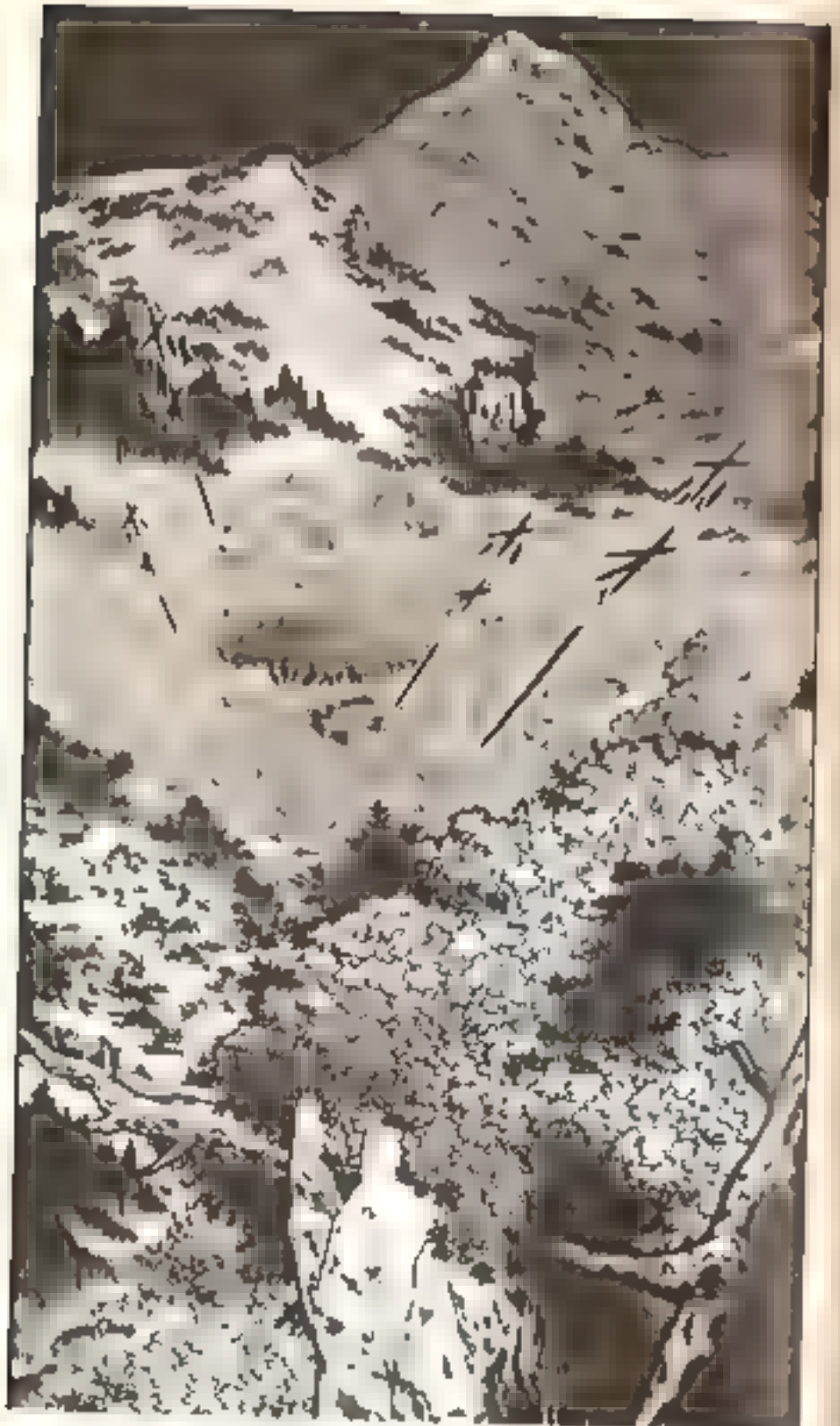


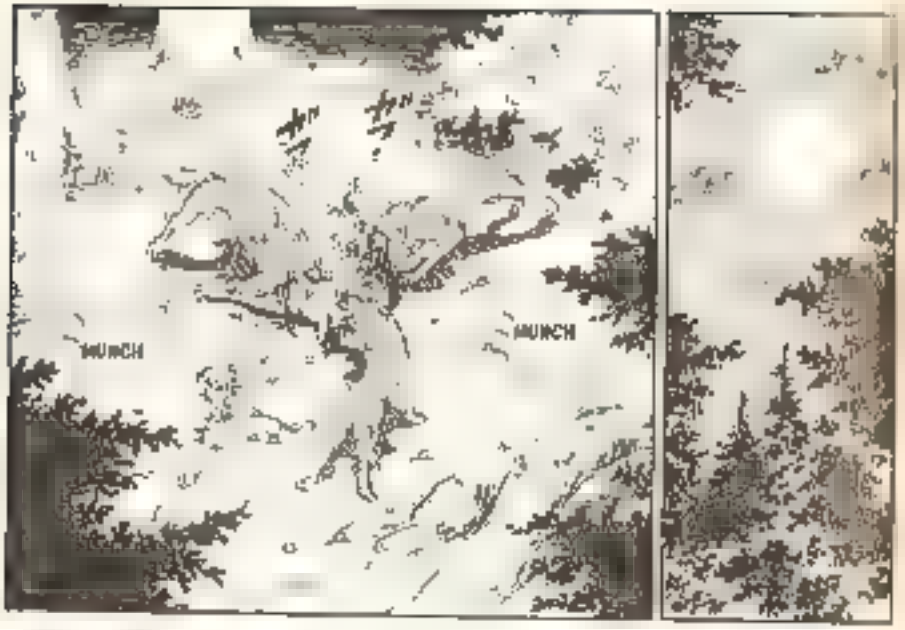
CHAPTER 4:
ENTER AKAME: THE NINJA DOG

WHAT SHOULD WE DO CHIEF?
A LARGE ARMY OF 70, AND THE ODDS SEEM TO BE IN THEIR FAVOUR

WE'LL DEFEND THIS HOUSE TO THE DEATH
MEN NO MATTER HOW BIG THEIR ARMY IS, THEY HAVE NO CHANCE

FOR MANY YEARS, OUR FAMILY HAS BEEN TAKEN OUT NOW WE HAVE TO PROTECT OUR DESCENDANTS!
NOW OUR MASTER LTOU SHIMA IS DEAD AND HAS LEFT US BEHIND WE MUST CONTINUE TO PROTECT THE DOCUMENTS OF THIS HOUSE

THE KOGA NINJA DOGS SEEM TO HAVE ENTERED OUR TERRITORY
HERE TO REPORT CHIEF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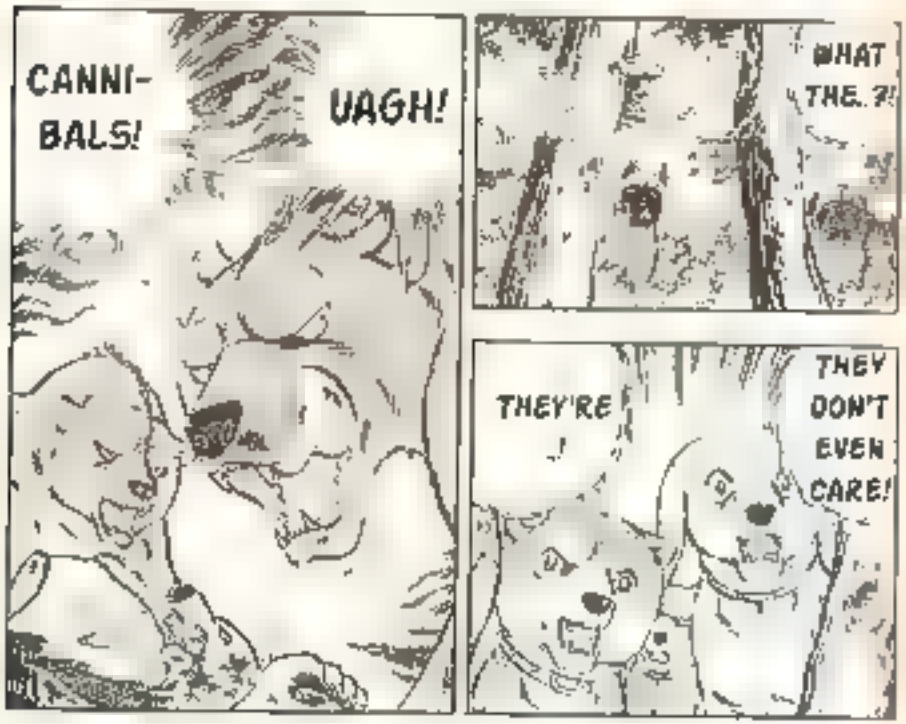
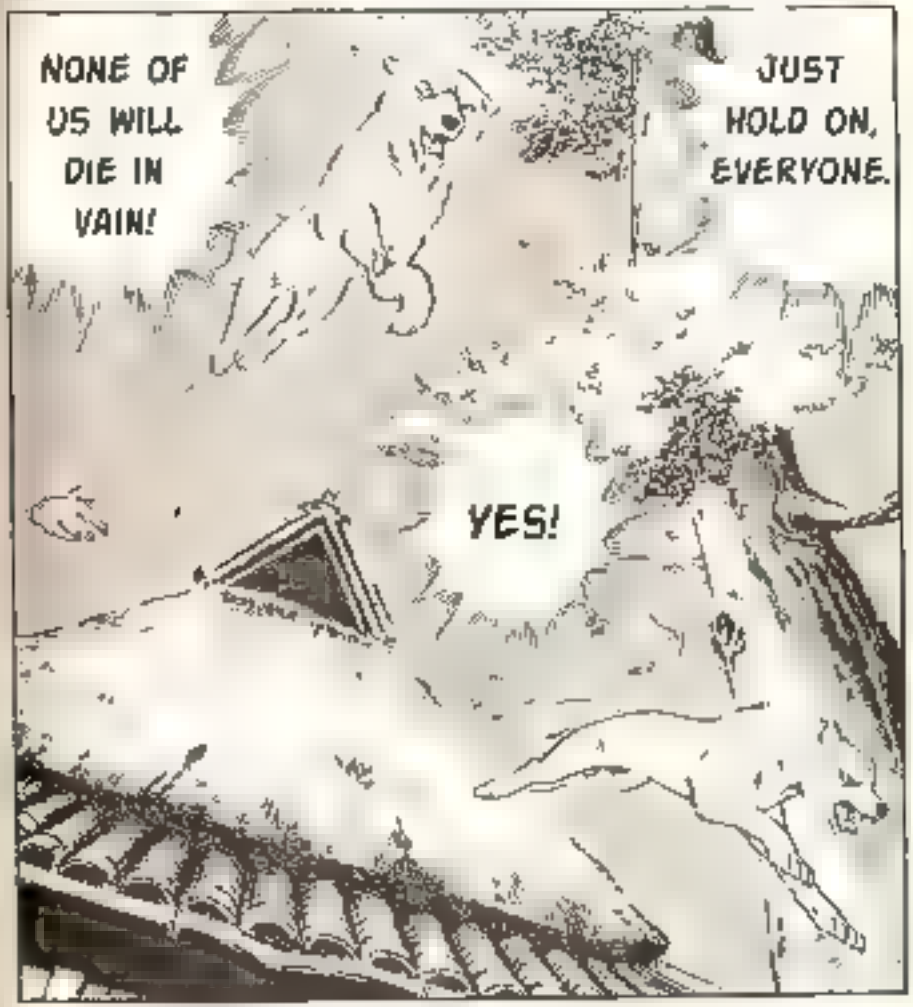
MUNCH


CANNI-
BALS!
UAGH!
WHAT THE..?!
THEY'RE !
THEY DON'T EVEN CARE!

AND STILL, THEY TRY TO TAKE US OVER..
THEY EAT OUR FLESH IN A PROUD, CANNI-BALISTIC MANNER. THOSE DEMONIC KOGA DOGS.


NONE OF US WILL DIE IN VAIN!
JUST HOLD ON, EVERYONE.
YES!

DAMMIT
WHO THE HELL ARE YOU?

UGH..

UAH..!
AAH!

COMRADES ?
WE DIDN'T COME ALL THE WAY TO HIE TO MAKE THESE GUYS OUR COMRADES. DO HE?
BEN. DON'T FOOL AROUND!
NO.
ARE YOU REALLY AKAME OF I64'S SUB-ORDINATES?
THE AKAME I KNOW WOULDN'T ALLOW THIS.

WE'LL KILL YOU ALL
WE GAVE YOU A WARNING
WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU DOING?!
EAT YOU AFTER-WARDS.
KILL YOU AND..
HUHU.
NEHE. RED DOGS ARE THE MOST DELICIOUS.

WE SHOULD BURY THE CORPSE. BEN.
YES.
PEH! THEY RUN AWAY FROM US LIKE THAT JUST BECAUSE WE SET EYES UPON THEM?
I WONDER IF THEY REALLY FOLLOW AKAME...? THEY'RE BRUTAL.
WHAT A BUNCH.

THEY'RE NOT JUST PASSING BY. THEY WANT TO HELP AKAME.
THEY KNOW AKAME. F
ARE GUYS LIKE YOU AKAME'S SUBORDINATES? STOP THINKING ABOUT YOUR ANSWER!
ANSWER MY QUESTION!

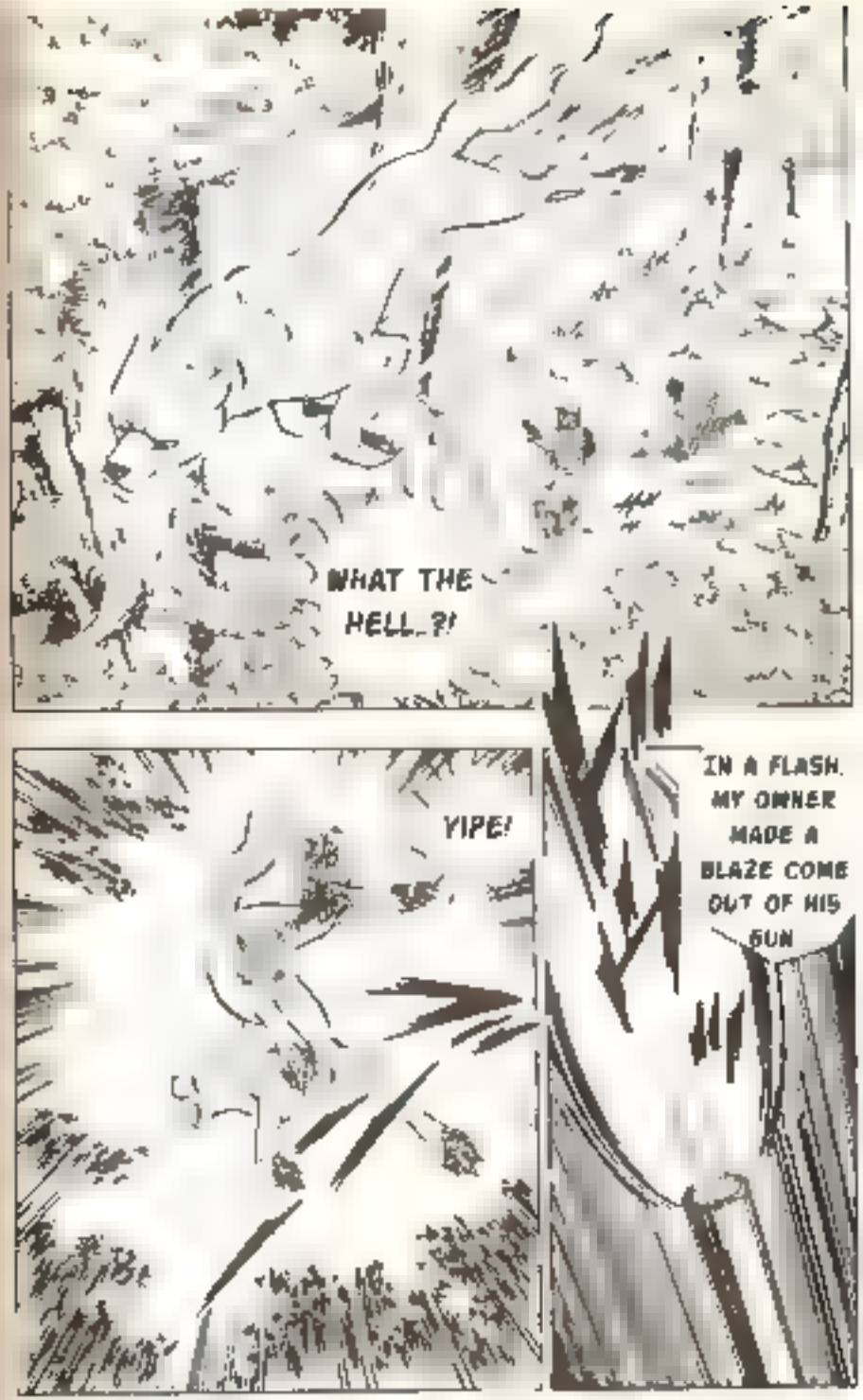
THOSE IGA DOGS HAVE MADE A MISTAKE. THIS IS OUR CHANCE.
NAHA. DO THEY THINK US KOGA ARE STUPID?

I CAN'T BELIEVE THAT AKAME SOMEONE WHO I WANTED TO HELP US THROW DOWN AKAKABUTO COULD ALLOW THIS...
I CAN'T BELIEVE THIS. IT MUST BE A MISTAKE..
WE CAN'T GO LETTING THOSE FOOLISH CANNIBAL DOGS LIVE.
BUT, WE STILL HAVE TO LOOK FOR THIS AKAME-BASTARD YOU'RE SPEAKING ABOUT BEN.

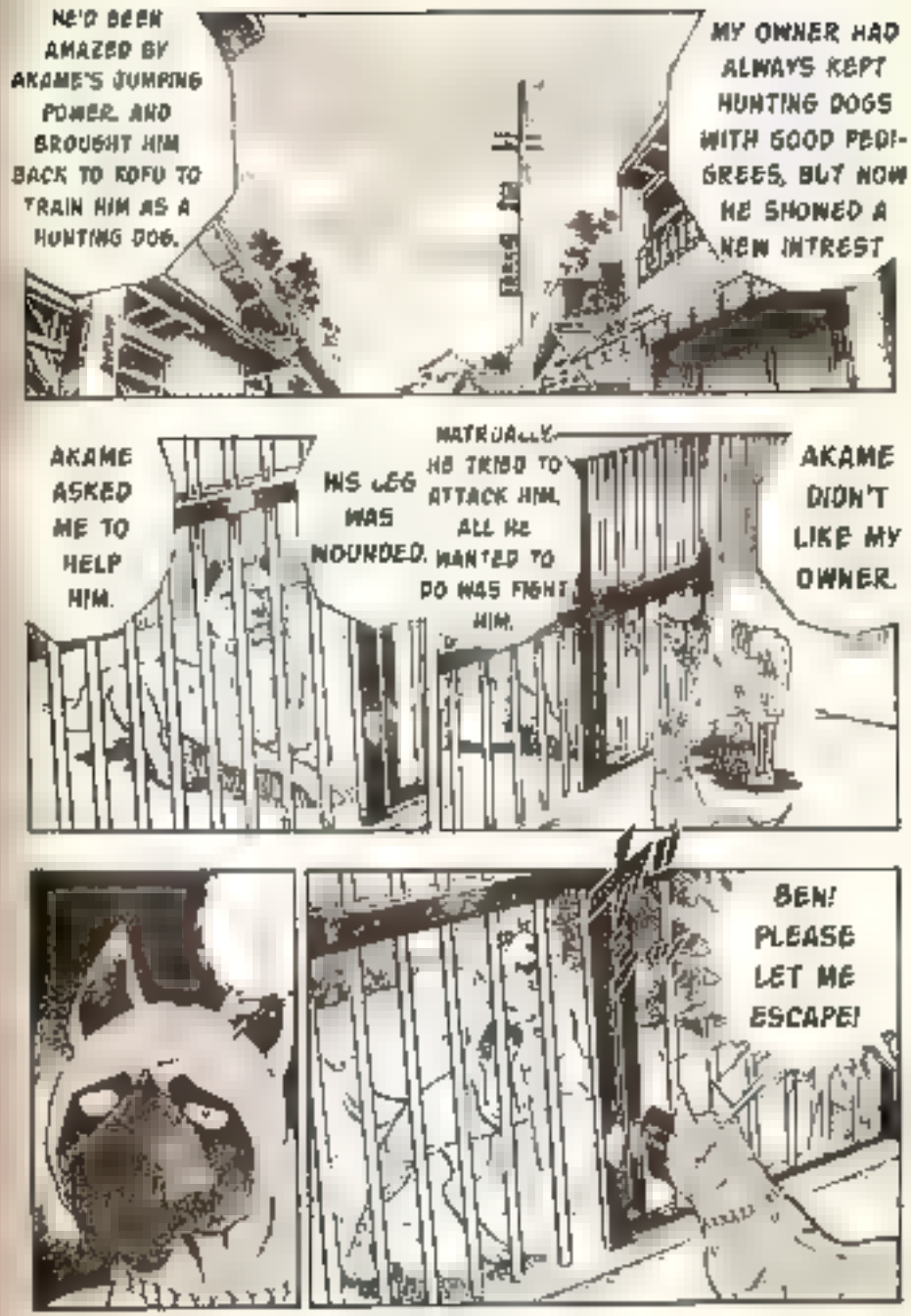
FIND SOME THING MORE WORTHY BEN!
WHAT IS IT? A DOVE?
!?

4 OR 5 YEARS AGO, MY OWNER AND I HAD COME TO MIE TO HUNT
I MET AKANE BY CHANCE. I WAS STILL A PET DOG BACK THEN.
WHAT'S WRONG, BEN? WHAT IS IT?
WOOF! WOOF!

WH.. WHAT ?!
THAT WAS WHEN I FIRST MET AKAME, THE NINJA DOG
MY OWNER MISTOOK HIM FOR A BIRD, OR A SQUIRREL.


WHAT THE HELL..?!
YIPE!
IN A FLASH, MY OWNER MADE A BLAZE COME OUT OF HIS GUN

PLEASE HELP ME ESCAPE.
BEN, PLEASE BREAK ME OUT OF HERE!
MY FAMILY'S BLOOD IS BEING SPILLED! I CAN'T STAY HERE.
I HAVE AN IMPORTANT DUTY TO THE IGA NINJA DOGS!
AT THIS RATE, THEY'LL DIE OF STARVATION! COME ON, BEN!
I HAVE CHILDREN! SIX OF THEM. THEY CAN'T DEFEND THEMSELVES YET!
I COULDN'T BEAR TO HEAR HIM CRY.
SO, I LET HIM GO.


HE'D BEEN AMAZED BY AKAME'S JUMPING POWER. AND BROUGHT HIM BACK TO KOFU TO TRAIN HIM AS A HUNTING DOG.
MY OWNER HAD ALWAYS KEPT HUNTING DOGS WITH GOOD PEDIGREES, BUT NOW HE SHOWED A NEW INTREST
AKAME ASKED ME TO HELP HIM.
HIS LEG WAS WOUNDED.
NATURALLY HE TRIED TO ATTACK HIM. ALL HE WANTED TO DO WAS FIGHT HIM.
AKAME DIDN'T LIKE MY OWNER.
BEN! PLEASE LET ME ESCAPE!

WE CAN'T JUST LEAVE AND ALLOW THIS TO GO UNSEEN
I DIDN'T COME THIS FAR TO GO WELCOMING THEM
SO, WHAT'RE WE GONNA TO DO ABOUT THOSE VERY SERIOUS BOOBS?

THOSE CANNIBALISTIC BASTARDS WILL BE KILLED!
WE CAN'T ALLOW IT!

WHEN HE SAID HIS KIDS MIGHT DIE
THEN AND THAT'S IT

I WOULDN'T HAVE DONE IT IF I KNEW HE WAS A CANNIBAL
I SHOULDN'T HAVE LET AKANE GO

WONDER IF HE STILL REMEMBERS
BUT BACK THEN HE REALLY DID LOOK GENUINELY HAPPY

SHOULD WE ALL RUSH IN AT ONCE, BEN?
THEY STILL DON'T KNOW WE'RE HERE.

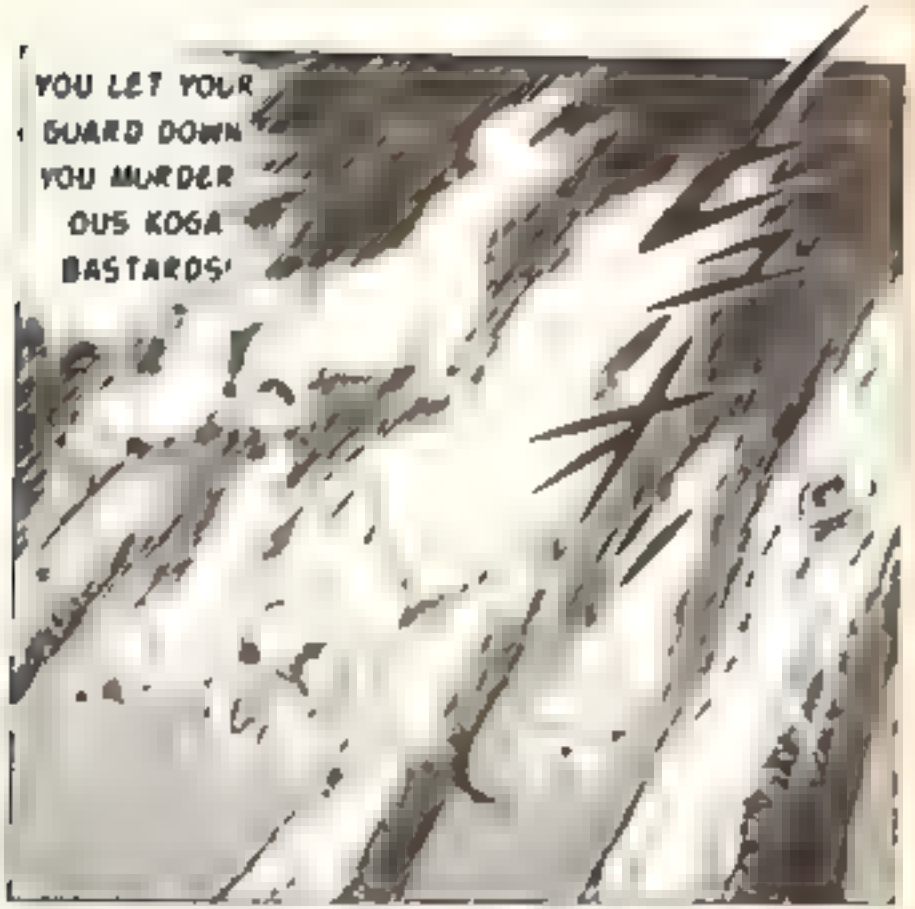
WHAT?
YOU'VE BEEN BLABBER MOUTH QUITE A BIT

GODDAMN FOOLS!
HEH. DON'T THEY EVEN SENSE US OUT HERE?

UAH!
BE QUIET! DON'T LET THEM HEAR YOU!

YES. AKANE AND HIS FAMILY LIVE HERE.

THE HIDDEN HOUSE OF THE IGA NINJA DOGS?
IS THIS IT BEN?

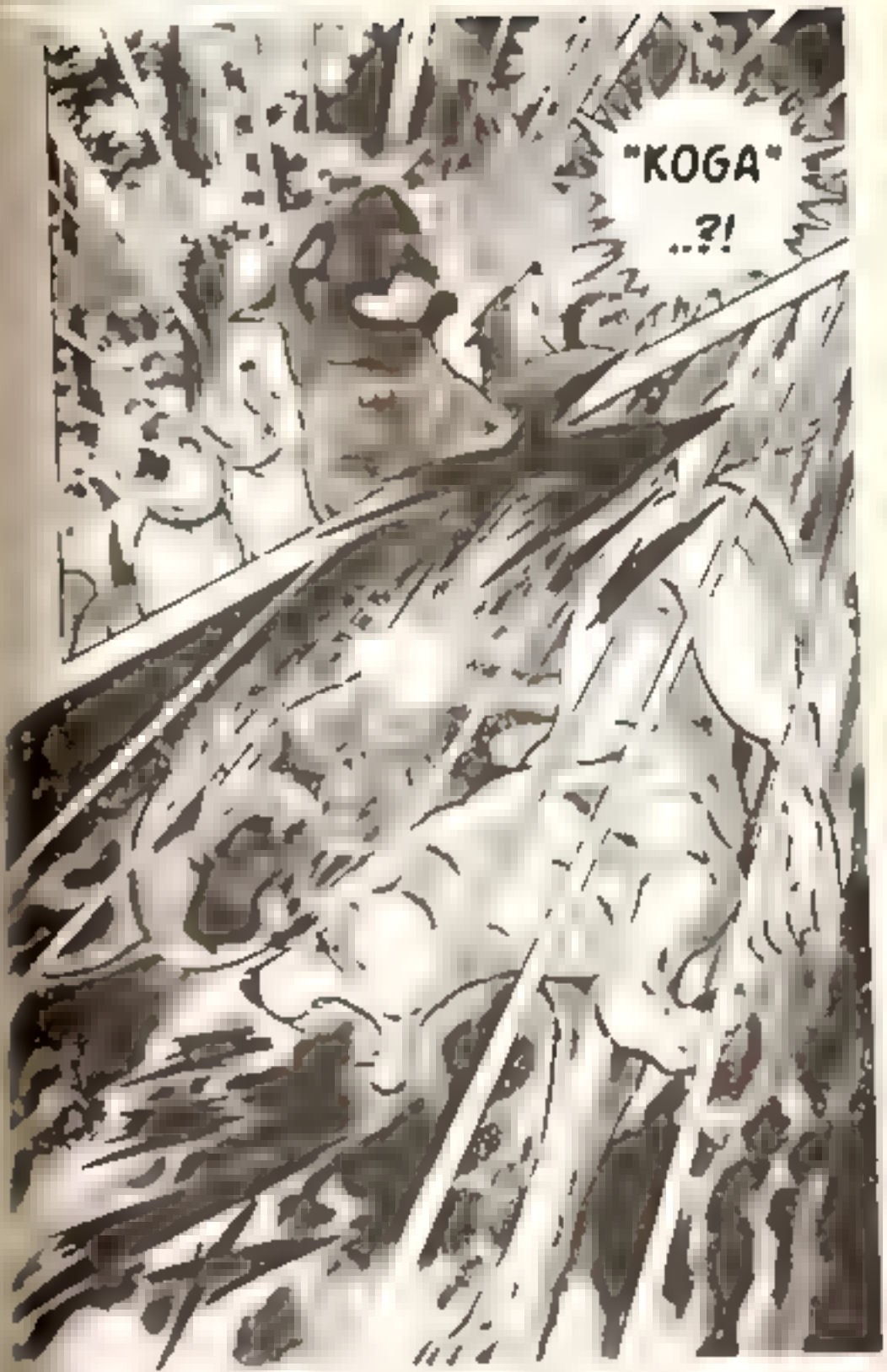

YOU LET YOUR GUARD DOWN YOU MURDER OUS KOGA BASTARDS!

UP HERE!
UAH!

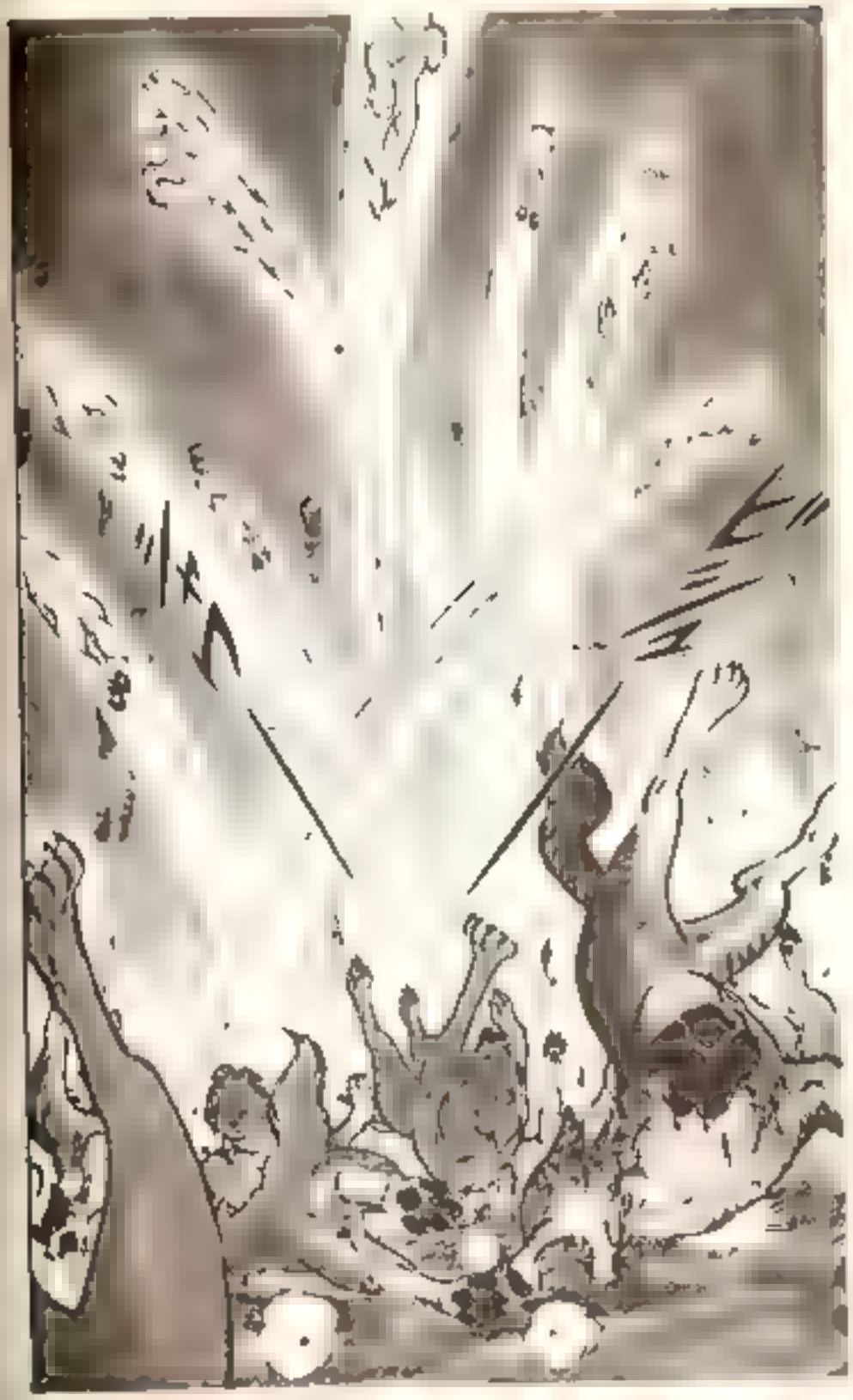
ACCEPT WHAT YOU DESERVE!

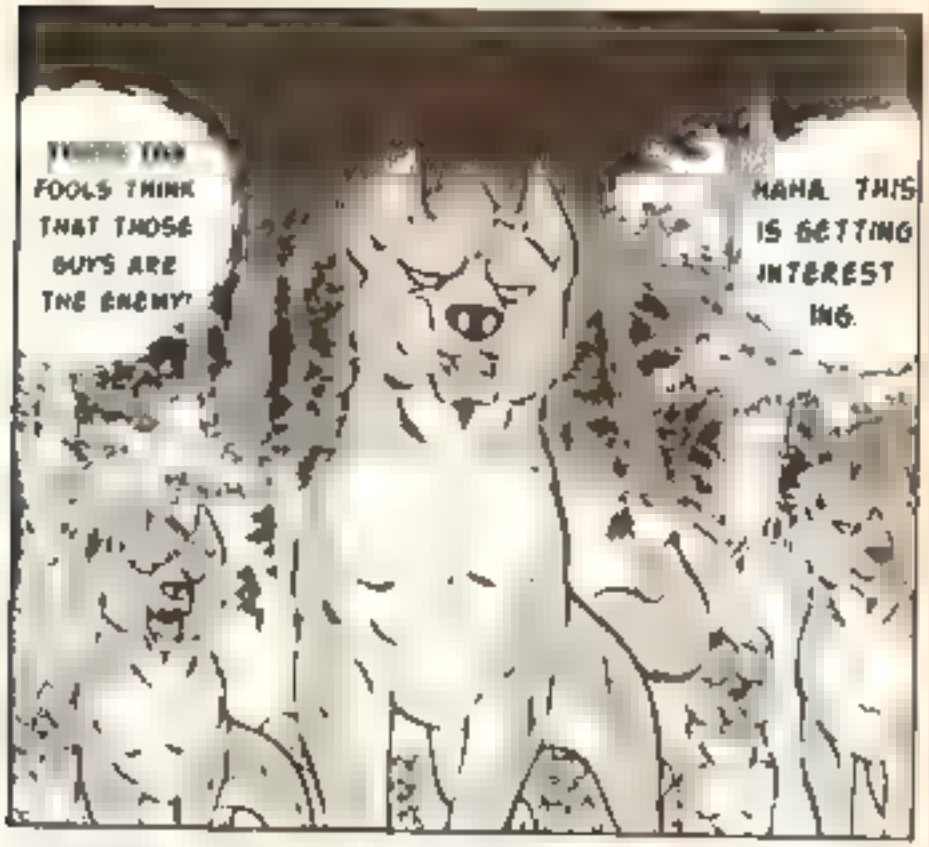
IGA NINJA TECHNIQUE: RAIKAKEN*!
*RAIKAKEN = THUNDERING LEAF-SWORD

GUAH!
!?


"KOGA"
..?!

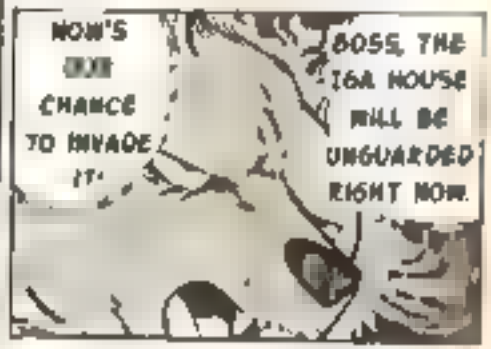
ARE YOU RUNNING AWAY?!
DON'T JOKE WITH US!



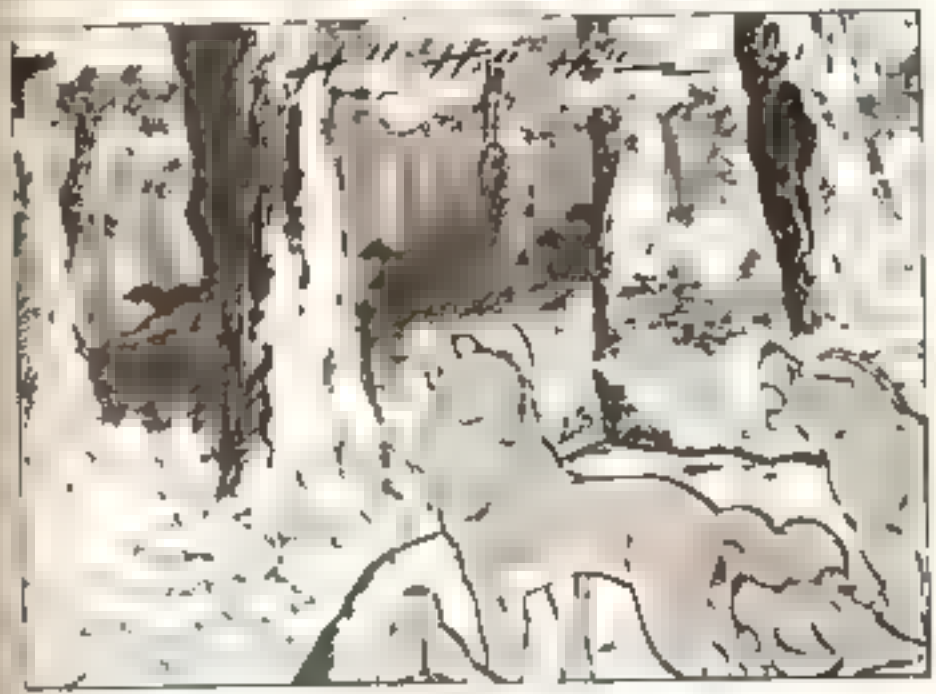

FOOLS THINK THAT THOSE GUYS ARE THE ENEMY!
HAHA THIS IS GETTING INTERESTING.

WE'LL BE BACK IN A LITTLE WHILE TO WATCH THE FUN!
DON'T RUSH IT FOOLS!

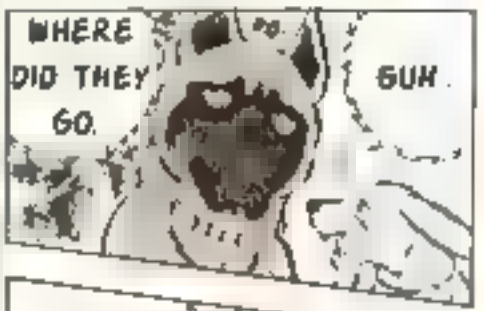
WHAT A MISUNDERSTANDING! HAHA!
HEHEH WE'RE THE GOOD.

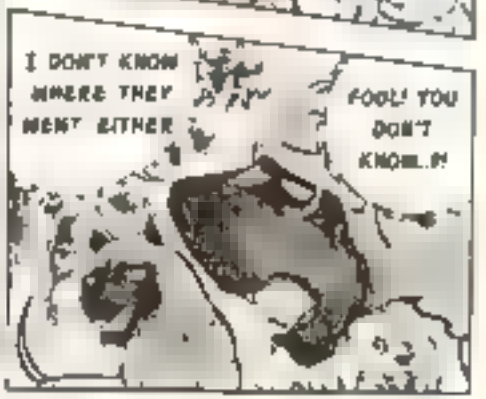

NOW'S OUR CHANCE TO INVADE IT!
BOSS, THE IGA HOUSE WILL BE UNGUARDED RIGHT NOW.

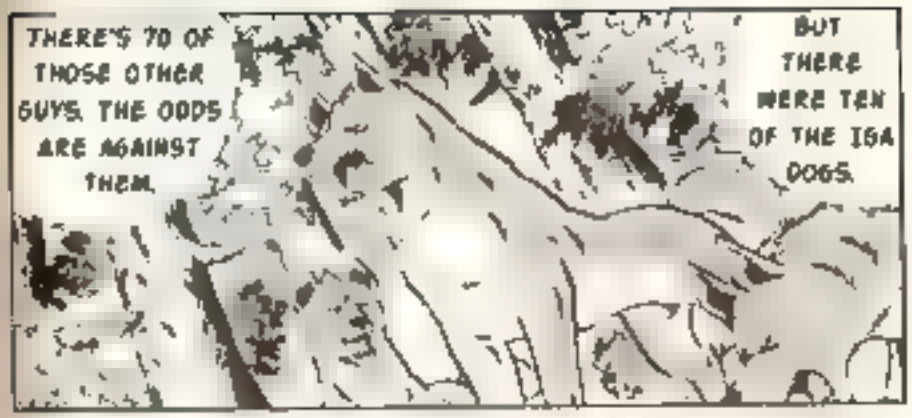
WE'LL KILL YOU ALL!
IF YOU'RE NINJA DOGS, COME AND PROVE IT!



THEIR SCENT DISAPPEARED
WEIRD. THE GROUND CHANGES.


WHERE DID THEY GO.
GUH.


I DON'T KNOW WHERE THEY WENT EITHER
FOOL! YOU DON'T KNOW...!!


THERE'S 70 OF THOSE OTHER GUYS. THE ODDS ARE AGAINST THEM.
BUT THERE WERE TEN OF THE IGA DOGS.

THEY LOOK LIKE TRAVELLING DOGS.

THEY'RE GREATLY OUTNUMBERED! HAHA
NO MATTER WHAT NINJA TECHNIQUES THEY KNOW.

JUST KEEP QUIET AND THE IGA'S SECRET DOCUMENTS WILL BECOME OURS!
THEY MIGHT JUST FINISH THE BATTLE FOR US!

SNIFF
SNIFF
WHAT IS IT, GIN?
SOME-THING'S UNDER HERE..

THIS ISN'T RIGHT! THIS ISN'T THE KIND OF PLACE TO BURY SOMEONE!
IS HE DEAD, OINK?!
WHAT THE HELL?!
EEK!
HE ISN'T ROTTING, AND HE DOESN'T LOOK LIKE HE'S BEEN DEAD LONG.

MAYBE HE WAS ATTACKED BY ONE OF THE BEARS AROUND HERE?I HEARD THEY HIDE THEIR PREY..
MAYBE HE WAS EATEN?
HOW HORRIBLE.. WHO WOULD HAVE DONE THIS?
IS THIS GUY REALLY DEAD..?
INSTEAD OF CHASING THOSE FAST RUNNING BASTARDS, WE SHOULD CLEAR THE HIDING PLACE, REALLY
OKAY ... IN ANY CASE LET'S GO BACK

UH..? RIGHT.
SMITH, LET'S HURRY AND GO!

ETO

AAO

WHAT'S WRONG, SMITH?!
AAH!
UH..?

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